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ITALO-GREEK TENSION: IL DUCE RUSHES REINFORCEMENTS



Special to the "Telegraph"

THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION HAS INTERCEPTED A NAZI RADIO MESSAGE DECLARING THAT ITALY HAS DECIDED TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO ALBANIA AS A RESULT OF THE CLASH WITH GREEK SOLDIERS ON THE FRONTIER, SAYS A "DOMEI" REPORT FROM NEW YORK.

ITALY EXPECTS EXCITING EVENTS IN NEAR FUTURE

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Italians are being encouraged to expect exciting events in the coming week, according to direct and indirect messages from Rome.

These messages refer to "force" in the recent German dealings.

The previous acknowledgment that hitherto Italy had been only "present in spirit" at Hitler's conclaves, especially with the Spanish leaders, is now replaced by an assurance that Italy will shortly intervene directly in the current Axis negotiations.

"Hitler's contacts with General Franco and Marshal Petain and those which may follow in the next few days represent the closing of the last portulcums against British expectations of creating confusion in Europe," writes Signor Ansaldo, editor of Count Ciano's newspaper "Telegrafo."

Diplomatic Offensive

Signor Ansaldo adds that men of the Axis have been able, by friendship or force, to persuade European countries not to join in Britain's game.

The Axis diplomatic offensive agreed upon at the Brenner meeting is developing "but the best is yet to come."

The Italian-controlled "Telegrafo" of Zurich foreshadows an "event of great importance in Rome."

Celebration ceremonies of the anniversary of the March on Rome are postponed from to-day to to-morrow.

The message concludes that it is expected that the Mediterranean, especially the eastern part, will be the theatre of great activity this week.

Austin Road Robberies

Sunday Morning Bag

Several Austin Road residents lost money and property when their flats were entered by thieves yesterday morning.

Mr. Hammond's room at 120 Austin Road, first floor, was entered by some person by means of a duplicate key. Money and jewellery valued at \$150 were stolen.

Mrs. Cassels, of No. 100, lost money and jewellery amounting to \$145; and Mrs. Bruce, of the same address, had a watch stolen, valued at \$15.

The thefts were committed before 9 a.m. yesterday.

French Developments Cause Dismay in U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—There is much speculation in the American newspapers to-day of the effect in Europe of any French-German alliance.

The developments in France have produced wide expressions of dismay. Mr. Cordell Hull's disclosure that President Roosevelt had sent a warning to Vichy is splashed on the front pages of the New York's morning press.

It is generally considered that Hitler's new programme is necessitated by the thwarting of his original plans by the Royal Air Force, and naval aid is considered to be his chief aim.

The belief that the French people will revolt if the Vichy Government joins the war against Britain is again voiced by several papers.

FOG IMPEDES RAIDERS

CHUNGKING, Oct. 28 (Central News).—A heavy fog impeded Japanese air bombings over Szechwan yesterday.

Two enemy squadrons of 21 and 15 machines respectively flew into the province. Owing to poor visibility, the raiders failed to locate their objectives and dumped bombs indiscriminately at two undisclosed places. All the missiles landed in open fields causing no damage except a few craters.

Cairo Communique

CAIRO, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—"There were severe dust storms in the western desert throughout Saturday," reports a G.H.Q. communique.

"In the Sudan and Kenya, British fighting patrols were again active. From Palestine there is nothing to report."

CABINET TO MEET

Laval Continues To Weave Web

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Oct. 27 (UP).—Marshal Petain has called a meeting of the French Cabinet for 5 p.m. on Monday instead of to-day, thus leaving time to prepare further reports on the political conversations of the past week.

Armed with the Government's approval of the principle of Franco-German collaboration, however, M. Laval today prepared for an early resumption of the negotiations for elaborate political and economic collaboration.

M. Laval was in conference this morning with M. Georges Bonnet when war was declared, but who did his utmost to obtain British approval of Mussolini's offer to try at the last minute to intervene with Hitler to save peace by a Danzig compromise.

Marshal Petain and M. Laval also conferred with M. Charles Magny. TURN to Page 5, Column Two

The same agency reports from Athens that a meeting between Italian and Greek officers took place on the Greece-Albanian frontier at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The meeting was held at the request of the Greek officer commanding the sector where firing took place early Saturday morning.

The Greek Government has issued two lengthy communiques denying the Italian charges that Greek soldiers were responsible for the Albanian frontier incident. The communiques claimed that the Italian reports were without foundation.

Tension Growing

Meanwhile tension in the relations between Greece and Italy is growing. "Reuter" says that the mystery of the shooting on the Albanian side of the frontier, in which it is said, two Albanian soldiers were killed and 35 wounded, while seven Greek soldiers were captured, is deepened by a semi-official statement issued in Athens.

The Italian account of the incident is emphatically denied. It is stated that no incident occurred on the frontier itself, but that Greek border posts on Saturday night heard firing which apparently came from the Albanian village of Vernin two miles from the border.

The Greek commander of the sector informed the Italian officer opposite and asked for an interview to ascertain the facts.

Greek Denial

ATHENS, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—A further denial of Italian reports of incidents on the frontier has been issued by a semi-official Greek news agency which says that the reports from Tirana transmitted by the Stefani agency are false.

The Stefani reports said that a Greek armed band had entered Albanian territory and had attacked Albanian posts near Kollitza.

No Greek band has passed the frontier at any point. No band has been formed or could be formed in Greek territory because the Greek military and civil authorities have assured absolute order.

The denial also characterises the report that bombers exploded in the office of the Italian lieutenant at Santi Quaranta and that the Greek authorities are responsible for the incident, as purely infantile invention.

BERLIN STRAFED AGAIN

Heavy Damage Caused

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—In the raid on Berlin on Saturday night, the R.A.F. attacked aircraft works, an electric power station and goods yards. The oil plants bombed were at Stettin, Launa and Cologne.

Naval docks at Hamburg, Cuxhaven and Bremen and railway communications at Bremen, Dortmund and Brussels were other targets.

The ports of Flushing and Antwerp, and several aerodromes were again visited.

All these operations were carried out despite poor weather conditions over many target areas. One R.A.F. plane is missing.

Enemy Admissions

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—British planes attempted to attack towns and industrial plant in North and Central Germany. A hit was scored on one factory killing workmen and damaging the building, says a German communique.

Bombs were dropped in Berlin and there, as in the case of another large city, only dwelling houses were damaged. A number of civilians were killed or injured.

The enemy lost nine planes yesterday and four German planes are missing, concluded the communique.

Germans Lose 8 More Aircraft

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that eight enemy aircraft were destroyed to-day. Six British fighters were lost or missing, but the pilot of one is safe.

Siege Slackens

(BY "REUTERS" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The aerial "siege" of London, which entered the eighth week to-day, was noticeably slackened in severity.

The regularity of raids is far from an accurate guide to the intensity of Germany's effort. It is recognised that the present pause may only be temporary and that Germany may be preparing a fresh onslaught with redoubled energy, but unless this is the outcome of the Hitler-Petain agreement, evidence of the past week justifies the belief held by qualified observers that the Luftwaffe's energy will be dispersed over a wider field.

Night Raiding

This has not been the case by day for hitherto Goering has had to rely, since his smashing defeat on September 15, on night raiding.

THAILAND WAITING

For French To Move

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Oct. 27 (UP).—

Since the last rejection of Thailand's demands for a readjustment of the Indo-China border, the Government of Thailand has not communicated again with the French Government, according to an official communique issued to-night.

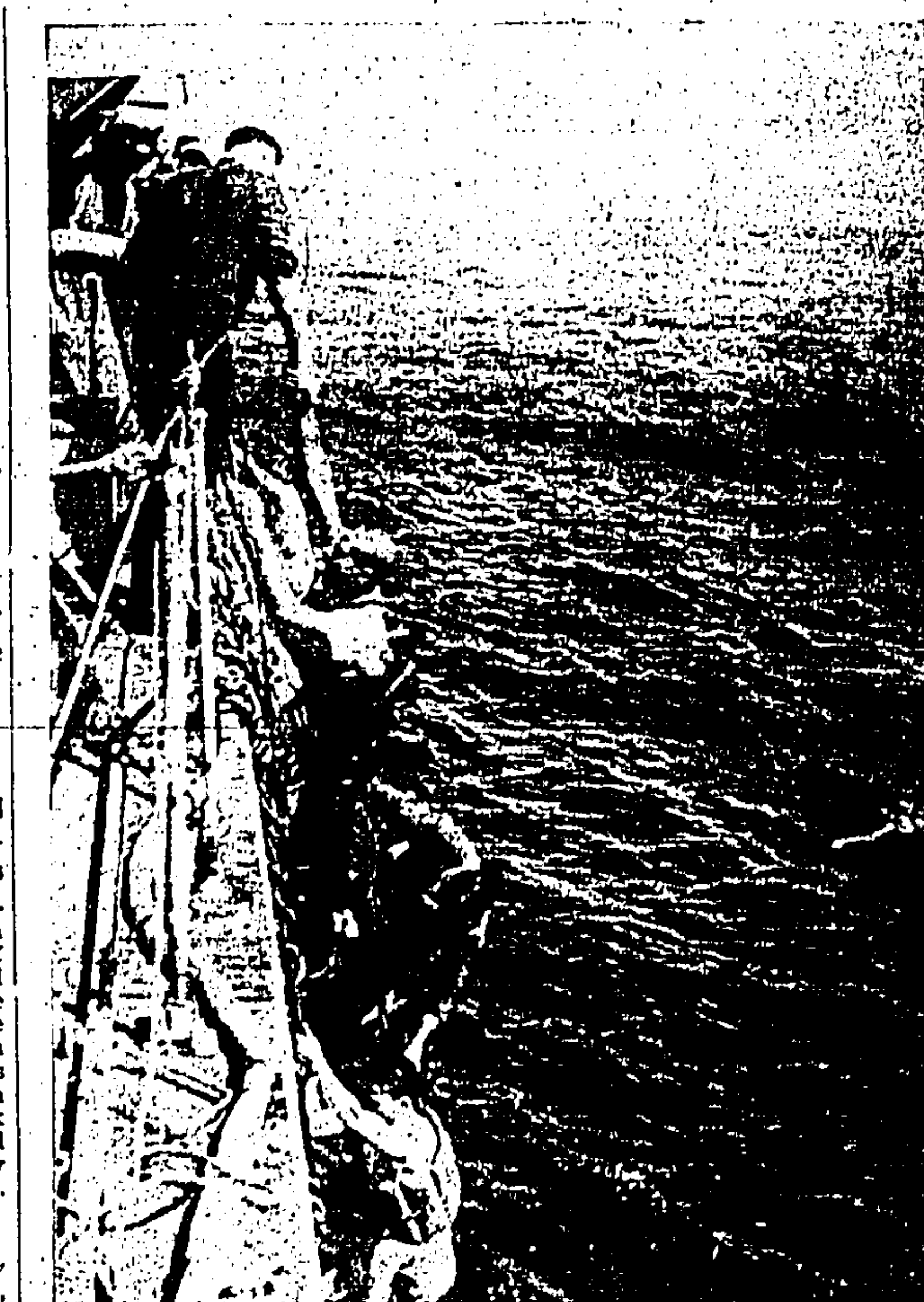
"The Thailand Government considers it the duty of the French themselves to examine Thailand's request in a sympathetic spirit and to give Thailand justice in this respect," the communique stated.

Attention Centres On Threat To Gibraltar

ZURICH, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Political observers here expect fresh German military action to follow very closely on the Petain-Hitler agreement.

Indications to this effect are supported by Italian Press forecasts of imminent action in the Eastern Mediterranean.

In Swiss comment, Gibraltar is openly mentioned as the next probable objective for an Axis attack. Meanwhile diplomatic observers here consider that the silence of



Mussolini To Meet Petain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (Domei).—According to the "Associated Press" Mussolini left Rome this evening for Florence.

It is declared that he is to meet Marshal Petain there.

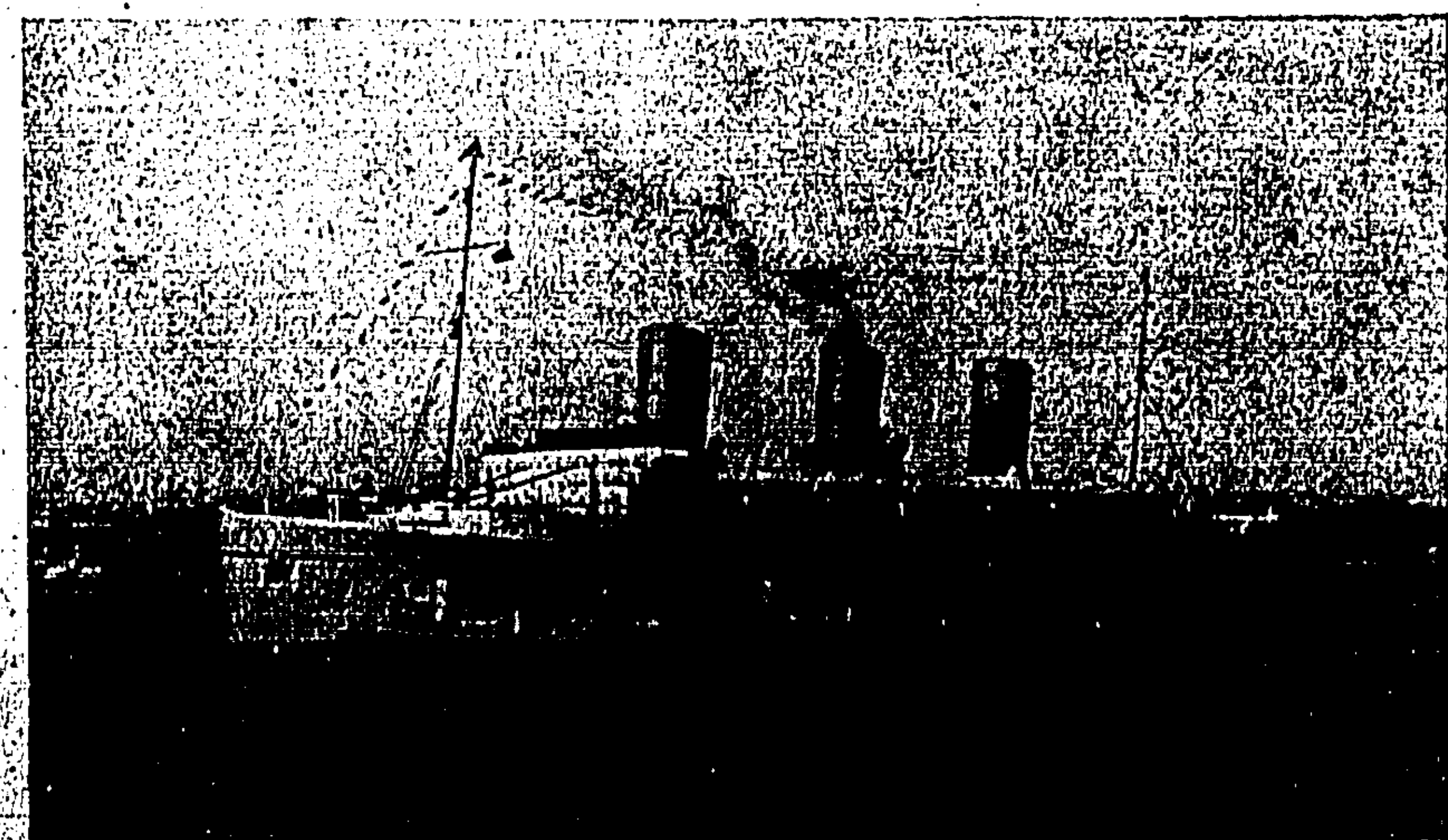
Other reports say that General Franco will also take part in the meeting, which may possibly be attended by Hitler.

Two dramatic pictures showing the sinking of the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni by the Australian warship Sydney during an engagement in the Mediterranean. Top picture shows the Bartolomeo Colleoni with smoke pouring from her just before she sank, and below survivors from the Italian warship being rescued by the Sydney.

LATEST

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN HIT, SAYS BERLIN

BERLIN, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—A German High Command communique states that the Empress of Britain, which it described as a troopship, was attacked 60 miles west of Ireland, and was hit by a heavy bomb and caught fire, the crew taking to the boats.



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LEAGUE OF HEALTH

Not Affected By Evacuation

November 1, 1940, will commence a fresh break in activity for the local branch of the Women's League of Health. On that day a children's class will commence at the Y.M.C.A., Waterloo Road, to be held every Friday from 5.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Children who come to the children's class before will be there, and other children are welcome to join.

Since no morning classes are held it behooves all future-minded members to make an effort to be at the Helena May Institute for regular League classes. They are being held there on Mondays and may join the League, and despite the evacuation there still are enough women to fill the hall.

A quiet and small class is still being held at the Y.W.C.A. at 38c, Bonham Road on Tuesdays at 5.30 p.m.

Quite a new feature is the classes which are to be held at the Little Flower Club weekly. Although these classes will be held primarily for the members of this young girls' club, outside women may also join in this health promoting activity. For purposes of a class the club hall is ideal. It is expected that over 70 girls will be attending. The first class will be at 7 p.m. on November 5.

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Talk From the Studio By Dr. Winifred Cullis

11.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession

12.30 Dohmany—Quartet in D Flat Major, Op. 15.

12.55 Piano Solo by Vladimir Horowitz.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Hawaiian Selections.

1.21 Gerry Moore at the Piano.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Chausson—Symphony in B Flat Major, Op. 20.

Orchestra de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire.

6.33 Songs by Hubert Elsdell (Tenor).

6.43 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.45 Arthur Rubinstein at the Piano.

Capriccio in B Minor, Op. 76 (Brahms); Cordoba (Albeniz); Evocation (Albeniz).

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 Dennis Noble (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Studio—A French Recital by Denise Carroll (Soprano) and A. T. Lay (Piano).

8.10 Gradus ad Parnassum (from "Children's Corner" Suite—Debussy); A. T. Lay at the Piano.

2. (a) Le Printemps (Reynaldo Hahn); (b) L'Invitation au Voyage (Duparc); Denise Carroll (Soprano) and A. T. Lay (Piano).

3. Chœur de L'Unité (from Suite "Bergamasque"—Debussy); A. T. Lay at the Piano.

4. (a) Cavatine de Lella (from "Les Pêcheurs de Perles"—Bizet); (b) Il est d'au, Il est bon (from "Herodiade"—Massenet); Denise Carroll (Soprano) with Piano.

5. Ballade (Debussy); A. T. Lay at the Piano.

8.45 Studio—Talks: "Alarms and Excursions" by Dr. Winifred Cullis.

9.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

9.30 A Czechoslovakian Programme with a Talk from the Studio.

10.0 Songs by The Comedy Harmonists.

10.10 Quentin Maclean at the Organ.

Serenade (Haydn); "China Doll Parade (Zamecnik); Babbling (Maclean).

10.20 Compositions of Richard Strauss.

11.0 Close down.

No Peace With Hitler

London, Oct. 27.—Hitler desires to force upon Vichy a so-called peace treaty providing for "final abandonment of certain parts of France and the empire," and handing over of "naval and air bases," declares a statement from the headquarters of General de Gaulle, which adds, "I cannot believe that Hitler will find a single Frenchman who will willingly consent to the mutilation and subjugation of his native country."

The Free French Forces declare, in the name of France, that they hold null and void any carving up of France and her possessions, regard any direct or indirect association between France and her mortal enemy as sacrilegious, and proclaim their resolution, whatever new and extortionate terms the enemy may impose on France to continue to fight on the side of the Allies.

General de Gaulle is now himself in the Belgian Congo. It was announced to-night that he had arrived at Brazzaville on Thursday afternoon amid scenes of great enthusiasm.—Reuter.

France Will Live

Calais, Oct. 27.—"The existence of a Free French Movement assures France of the right to speak when the monstrous regime of Hitler and Mussolini is ended," said Mr. Anthony Eden speaking at a reception in his honour by the French National Committee of Egypt to-day.

"Britain is firmly resolved to restore France. She has no designs on France or any part of her Empire. Inspired by your example loyal Frenchmen are rallying throughout the Near East. Thanks to you who have refused to accept defeat France begins to live again."—Reuter.



IN LAMBETH WALK—Scene in Lambeth Walk, London, marketing center of Cockneydom that gave its name to popular song and dance, suffers heavily from Nazi air bombs. Small shopkeepers salvaged wreckage and set up their businesses again.

Colourful Wedding Ceremony Unites Prominent Portuguese Families at Rosary Church

TWO prominent Portuguese families were united on Saturday when Miss Louisa Maria Barros became the bride of Mr. Reinaldo Maria Vieira-Ribeiro in a colourful ceremony at the Rosary Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Eduardo Lorenzo Barros, chief clerk of the Great Northern Telegraph Co. Ltd., and of Mrs. Guilmaria Sabina Barros.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Augusto Jose Vieira-Ribeiro, chief clerk of Messrs. Gibbs, Livingston & Co., Ltd., and of Mrs. Sarah Maria de Louz Vieira-Ribeiro. He is a clerk in the United States Public Health Service, attached to the American Consulate-General, Hongkong.

A gown of French net, cut on simple princess lines, was worn by the bride, who carried a bouquet of gladioli and Honoluli creepers. Her attendants were Miss Elise Remedios in salmon-pink moire taffeta; Miss Elfrida Silva in blue moire taffeta; Miss Loretta Luz in pale yellow moire taffeta; and Miss Patricia Silva in green moire taffeta. Each carried a bouquet of roses.

Mr. Barros gave his daughter away, and Mrs. Barros was present at the ceremony in a frock of embroidered French crepe. The Rev. Fr. D. Page, officiated, and Mrs. Freida Noronha was at the organ. At the ceremony the Catholic Young Men's Society of the Rosary Church, of which the bridegroom is the Vice-President and Honorary Secretary, sang "Ave Maria" (by E. Lilius). They were trained by the organist, Mrs. Noronha.

The bride's best man was Mr. E. M. Petrove, of National Carbon, Ltd., while Mr. D. P. Furtos, of the British-American Tobacco Co. Ltd., attended the bridegroom.

A largely attended reception was held at the Little Flower Club, King's Park, the Moonshiners' String Orchestra being in attendance.

Mrs. Vieira-Ribeiro later changed into a frock of brick-toned French crepe when the happy couple left for the honeymoon, which is to be spent at Repulse Bay.

FIRING PRACTICES Notification By Military Authorities

Firing Practice as under is notified for to-day, October 28:

Light Gun Practice between 7 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing Area "D" affected. Alternative date October 30.

Firing Practice as under for October 29:

(a) Light Gun Anti-Aircraft Practice in the South-eastern area of the Island between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Firing Area "B" affected.

(b) Light Gun Firing Practice between 2 p.m. and 10 p.m. Alternative date October 31. Firing Areas "D" and "E" affected.

(c) Blank Gun Ammunition Firing in the vicinity of Kowloon during the night of October 28-30.

Firing Practice as under for October 30:

(a) Anti-Aircraft Firing Practice in the South-eastern area of the Island between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Firing Area "B" affected.

(b) Light Gun Firing Practice between 2 p.m. and 11 p.m. Alternative date October 31.

Firing Practice as under for November 1:

Light Gun Firing Practice between 6 p.m. and 12 midnight. Firing Areas "D" and "E" affected.

CHANGE OF GENERALS

Berlin, Oct. 27.

The German news agency reports that General von Stuepnagel has succeeded General Strechocous as chief of the German military administration in France.

The latter has been assigned to special duties which are not stated.—United Press.

Macao Trial Commences

Attempted Murder Charge

Macao, Oct. 23.—The case in which Mr. Fernando J. Rodrigues, prominent merchant, is charged with the attempted murder of Dr. Gustavo Nolasco, came up for hearing to-day in the Macao Court, before his Honour Dr. Mascarenhas, Judge of the Macao Tribunal.

Dr. Nolasco, who is Public Prosecutor, represented the State against Mr. Rodrigues, who was defended by Dr. Adolfo Jorge, while Dr. Pedro Lobato appeared on behalf of Dr. Gustavo Nolasco.

The first day's hearing was attended by a large number of residents, as it has aroused more than usual interest, principally because all the persons concerned occupy prominent positions.

It is believed that a large number of witnesses will be called on both sides, but the Court was only able to-day to hear the two who saw the actual shooting.

The charge against Mr. Rodrigues is that he did wilfully and with intent to kill shoot Dr. Gustavo Nolasco. It is alleged that Mr. Rodrigues knew that Dr. Nolasco would proceed to a bathing shed in the Macao Outer Harbour, went armed to the spot and there waited his arrival, and as he left his motor car went up to him and fired the first shot, which wounded Mr. Nolasco causing him to fall to the ground. While he was on the ground, Mr. Rodrigues fired again, the second shot entering the groin of his victim.

Members of a party in the bathing shed to which Dr. Nolasco was proceeding had meanwhile come up, and it is stated, prevented any further shots being fired.

The first witness called to-day was Captain Gaudencio Garcia, of the Macao Police. He said that he saw the shots being fired, and was convinced that Mr. Rodrigues fired with intent to kill. Asked whether he considered Mr. Rodrigues to be a "good citizen," he said that he considered him to be of a quarrelsome disposition.

Dr. D. Jono Vila Franca, the second witness, who had seen the shooting, also gave it as his opinion that Mr. Rodrigues really intended to kill Dr. Nolasco.

The hearing is proceeding.—Our Own Correspondent.

LOVE AND MR. EDEN

Unsuspecting Cupid

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, the War Minister, then Foreign Secretary, did not know them—but he brought love to a girl in London and a man 7,000 miles away.

The girl—Miss Violet Babs Reynolds, a Civil Servant at the Air Ministry before her marriage—entered a competition in 1936 naming Mr. Eden as her ideal man.

A young South African, Mr. Michael Rooney, also an Eden admirer, read of her choice in our Overseas Edition. He wrote congratulating her.

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All Fell for Him

They planned to marry, and not even the war prevented Michael from travelling more than 7,000 miles to meet the girl he had never even seen. They were married in June.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday says: The market was extremely quiet.

Buyers

Lands \$30.50

Trams \$15.85

Telephones (old) \$23.50

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Walsons \$0

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Parcel Post Service to Canton is temporarily suspended.

The Imperial Airways Service between Hongkong and Bangkok is temporarily suspended. Air mail correspondence will be accepted at the existing rates of postage and will be forwarded by the first opportunity by steamer to Singapore to connect with the east and west bound air services.

An air mail service providing a connection with British Overseas Airways at Rangoon will be available during the period of suspension of the Hongkong-Bangkok Service. The postage rates for all destinations will be \$1.50 per 1/2 oz. for letters and \$0.75 each for postcards. Mail for this service should be supercharged "Via Rangoon," and bear the usual blue air mail label.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

London and Straits—Oct. 28. U.S.A. and Manila—Oct. 28. Java and Manila—Oct. 30. London and Straits—Oct. 30. Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service," San Francisco date 18th October. Australia and Manila—Nov. 1. London and Straits—Nov. 1. U.S.A. and Manila—(Seattle date, 30th September).

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

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Monday, Oct. 28

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa—3.30 p.m.

Parcels only for Rangoon—3.30 p.m.

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Parcels—Oct. 28, 4 p.m.

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Tuesday, Oct. 29

Sandakan—3.30 a.m.

Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

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Reg.—Oct. 29, 10.30 a.m.

Ord.—Oct. 29, 11.00 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta.

Parcels—Oct. 29, 11.00 a.m.

Letters—Oct. 29, Noon.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.

K. P. O.

Reg.—Oct. 29, 2.45 p.m.

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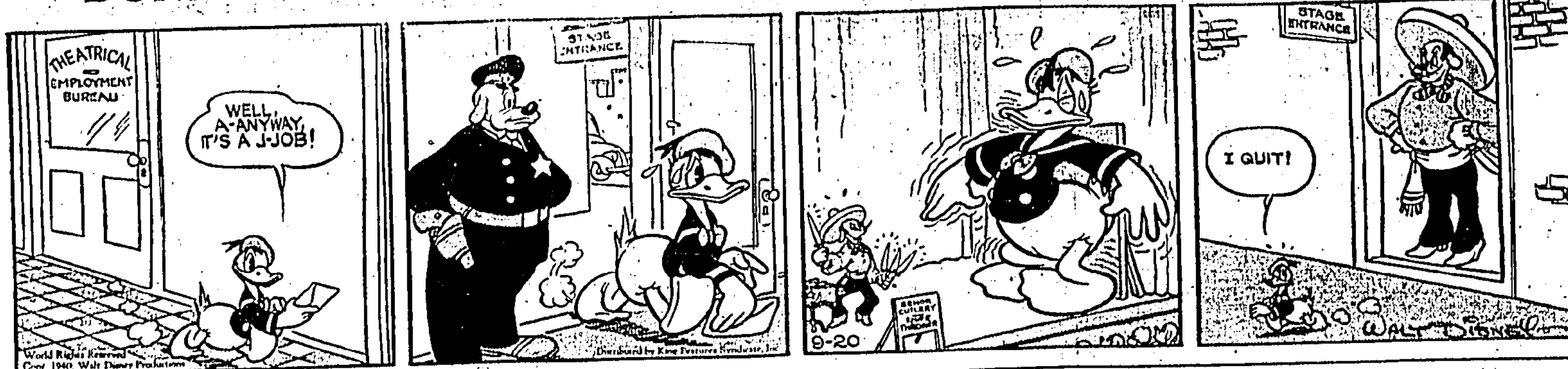
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IS THIS HITLER'S PLAN
FOR INVASION?

THERE have just appeared in the "New York Herald-Tribune" two articles by "A Diplomat Recently Arrived From Europe," who adopts the pseudonym of Henry L. Moore.

They deal with events in France, Germany and Italy, just before Mussolini entered the war; and the second article concludes with an outline of the Axis plan to invade Britain.

Among the statements made during a discussion of happenings before the Italian entry are that it was a speech by Mr. Chamberlain at the beginning of May, in which Britain's unpreparedness was made apparent, which decided Hitler to launch his attack on Holland and Belgium—an attack which, though long worked out by the German General Staff in minutest detail, had been delayed because of Goering's outright opposition and the doubts of Von Braunschweig, Hess and Himmler; that Mussolini, on the eve of the fall of Reynaud's Cabinet, had been secretly tempted by an offer, secretly made by Laval and Mandin, by which he would have secured without fighting for them Tunisia, French Somaliland, Djibouti and the Addis Ababa Railway, and representation on the governing board of the Suez Canal plus concessions including demilitarisation of Malta which the French would persuade Britain to grant; that the knowledge that Italy was unprepared for war and would risk catastrophe if the conflict were prolonged made Mussolini hesitate until an indig-

"A Diplomat From Europe"
just arrived in the United States has there published what purports to be the inside story of Hitler's invasion of the Low Countries, of Italy's entry into the war, and of a joint Italo-German plan for the invasion of Britain.

nant command accompanied by a promise to satisfy generously all of Italy's longings came from Hitler, whereas the Duce's doubts were cast overboard; and that on hearing that Mussolini had rejected all offers and was entering the war, Francois Poincaré, the French Ambassador at Rome, sadly remarked, "This is the first case in history where a country offered the chance to receive all peacefully prefers to fight for it in a war which is dubious as to its outcome."

The author of the "article" says that the final programme for combined Italo-German action against Britain was mapped out at a secret conference between Hitler and Mussolini in Munich on June 18.

One of its aspects involved pressure upon Franco, designed to bring about Spain's open adherence to the Axis, and to secure his assent to the expansion of Mussolini's bases in the Balearics, the renewal of Italian bases in the Canary Isles, the strengthening of Italo-German forces at Tangier, and the eventual utilisation of Ceuta for a joint blow at Gibraltar.

Franco or to supplant him with his amenable brother-in-law Suner. But, says the author, the centre of the entire scheme is the plan for the operations against Britain.

"So far the German people have neither seen nor tasted the fruits of Hitler's victories. The daily bombing raids of the R.A.F. are proving increasingly effective in deepening the moral depression in the Reich. Germans react sharper than other European nationals to warfare over their territory.

"Therefore Hitler must hurry. Without the seizure of the British Isles and the end of the blockade, his present conquest of Europe is fraught with menace to himself. His great victory threatens to degenerate into catastrophe."

"The raids are able to enter shallow waters and to touch the very shores. Everywhere on the Nazi-occupied Continent, near the waters separating it from England, aerodromes have been built especially for troop-carrying planes.

"High speed experiments are being carried out with a new enlarged type of amphibian tank which can be towed over part of its water route. At various points in Germany trials have been made in mass movements of light tanks and armoured cars.

"The plan foresees landing operations of two kinds—feinting and actual. The former category is meant to divert the attention and force of the British. The Nazi and Fascist personnel attempting this task are not expected to survive.

"In actual operations, the Axis is also ready to lose, either in crossing the Channel or on landing, many of the vanguard detachments. However, those who follow the vanguard are expected by the Axis staff to gain a foothold on the English shores and to make possible further landings of infantry, tanks, artillery and all other vital equipment.

"The soldiers who survive the English are the first day will thus be the nucleus of a great army made up of a constant stream of reinforcements. Parachute landings are to be effected, parallel to the landings from the sea.

"To this will be added the work of the troop-carrying planes, which are to land thousands of preliminary efforts of dive-bombers and paratroopers. Everything, including gas, will be used by the Axis in this supreme gamble.

"The Italians are expected to be the main cannon fodder of the English in the Channel, the North Sea, and the Bay of Biscay. For this is the time when Mussolini must sacrifice—hundreds of thousands of Italian lives, so proving that he is in truth the ally of the Nazi Reich.

"The men participating in the first operations, especially of the feinting type, are considered to be doomed men. Therefore ninety per cent. of them are to be Italians. In the subsequent landings the percentage of Germans will grow, while that of Italians will diminish. If the operations succeed, the troops fighting well inland are to be overwhelmingly German.

"If Hitler wins the laurel wreath of victory, Mussolini's share will be but a few dry leaves."

AMERICA'S
STRENGTH

By Mack Johnson
United Press Staff Correspondent

United States land, sea and air forces, are now well in excess of 900,000 and intensified recruiting campaigns may soon put the total at 1,000,000 or more.

A survey by the United Press, on August 27, revealed total military and naval forces, including aviation, of 919,807.

Under the conscription measure passed by Congress, the army proposes to draft 400,000 men between 21 and 31 years by Jan. 1, 1941, and another 300,000 in April. The President recently signed legislation empowering him to order out the National Guard and reserve officers.

The latest statistics on strength of the services show:

	Enlisted	Men	Officers	Total
Navy	143,747	10,709	154,456	254,912
Marines	20,983	1,204	31,770	53,957
Navy Reserves (X)	40,333	—	40,333	80,666
Marine " (X)	15,078	—	15,078	30,156
Army	220,000	14,000	234,000	458,000
National Guard	223,000	15,000	238,000	466,000
Army Reserve Officers	—	120,000	120,000	240,000
Enlisted Reserves	17,500	—	17,500	35,000
Totals	750,644	161,103	919,807	

(X)—Includes officers on which specific figures unavailable.

Although all are at peace-time level, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and National Guard are below authorised strengths. The Army's goal is 375,000 men, and it is receiving more than 30,000 new recruits each month. The National Guard's authorised strength is 238,000 men.

The Navy, which accepted 9,089 recruits during July, has an authorised strength of 170,000 men. It is planning to expand training centres at Great Lakes, Ill., Norfolk, Va., Newport, R.I., and San Diego, Calif., to meet expansion for a "two ocean" navy.

These stations have been training about 5,000 men per month but will be expanded to handle 7,000 by Oct. 1, and 10,000 by Jan. 1, 1941.

The Marines have nearly reached their authorised strength of 32,000 men. They recruited 7,100 during July.

War Department and budgetary officials are working on details of the costs of the projected National Guard mobilisation and conscription programmes. It was estimated that congress probably would be asked to appropriate about \$1,305,000,000 for the 935,000 guardsmen, reserve officers, and draftees, who would see service during the current fiscal year ending July 1, 1941, if present plans are approved. It was estimated that it would cost about \$1,400 for each person drafted on the basis of the \$21 monthly basic pay of enlisted men.

The Last Stand of Jock Evans

By ROBERT J. CASEY

HOTSPOT, Southeast England, Sept. 17.—In the larger matters of threatened invasion by aerial bombs and artillery fire people have given little thought to Jock Evans upon whose thin breast nobody will ever pin any medals even posthumously.

He will never have a public funeral with muffled drums, muted trumpets and such like tokens of civic gratitude. It is most unlikely that he will ever have any funeral at all.

The future historian looking over this war with the proper perspective, without worry about his own comfort or his own skin, may consider this unimportant. But from where this observer sits in the rockpile at the end of the trajectory, Jock Evans seems something more than one man who may have been over-heralded and over-stubborn at the same time.

So far as concerns the elements that have made England to date, he was an architect's model for the spirit of the British Empire.

Jock Evans, to get on with it, was, in his most recent career, an Air Raid Precautions warden. In a year's drill in how to put on the gas

mask, how to revive fainting women, how to direct people to the nearest shelter, he would never have shown more than ordinary aptitude.

In the years before the war he had done nothing to distinguish himself. He had some sort of dock job where the dust hadn't been too good for his lungs. Because of bad eyes and other deficiencies, he had been rejected for military service even at the end of the last war when medical examiners hadn't been so particular.

Jock Evans was on duty the night the big crump fell in the garden by the crossroads.

He had been on duty most nights in the past month, with seldom an all-clear. He had phoned to the central control at 11 p.m. that he had seen a bright light somewhere. His superiors, remembering Jock, suspected it might be somebody with a too bright cigar.

He had stationed himself near the telephone kiosk on the edge of an outlying suburb where the artillery shells still land each day when the town is shelled. He had had no occasion to move from his post at midnight when the big crump fell.

The big crump was a time bomb—and a big one.

He told this to his chief in his report a minute later.

"Where is it?" inquired his chief.

"In the garden," said Jock.

Then the order "Get people out, empty nearby houses, and keep people away."

"Yes sir," said Jock Evans.

There have been some hints that in what followed after his report to Control, Jock didn't show any great judgment, but the same might have been said of Dewey if he had run into a mine in Manila Bay.

Follows His Orders

Jock followed out his orders. In less than an hour he had evacuated the few homes in the immediate vicinity. Then he stationed himself to warn off traffic.

There wasn't much to do until about 7 in the morning when workers and sightseers began to

pass about, on bicycles, and in automobiles. The odd feature of a community which is being continuously bombed is the inquisitive interest in lethal hazards. Jock Evans suddenly found himself alone in a two-man job. The bomb lay almost at the junction of two lanes, giving access to it from four directions.

Mr. Evans solved this problem, as best he could. He roped off the street 100 yards behind the bomb, then took up his post at the middle of the crossing.

Dozens of persons heard and heeded his call during the next two hours—"time bomb here, keep away, keep away." One of those who passed was the priest of the neighbourhood Anglican Church, to whom is owing the best description of Jock Evans' last stand.

"My Duty Is To Stay"

"He hardly needed to point out the bomb," said the padre. "It was lying there in a grass plot right behind him, and it was evident he knew all about it. His face was white and drawn but there wasn't any tremor in his voice.

"I had told him to get away from the corner, block off the streets with ropes. But he said, 'My duty is to stay here. Please, go on, sir. Don't set a bad example.' I went to telephone for help."

The bomb went off at 9:10, blew a crater 40 feet wide. No trace has been found of Evans.

New York Post.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

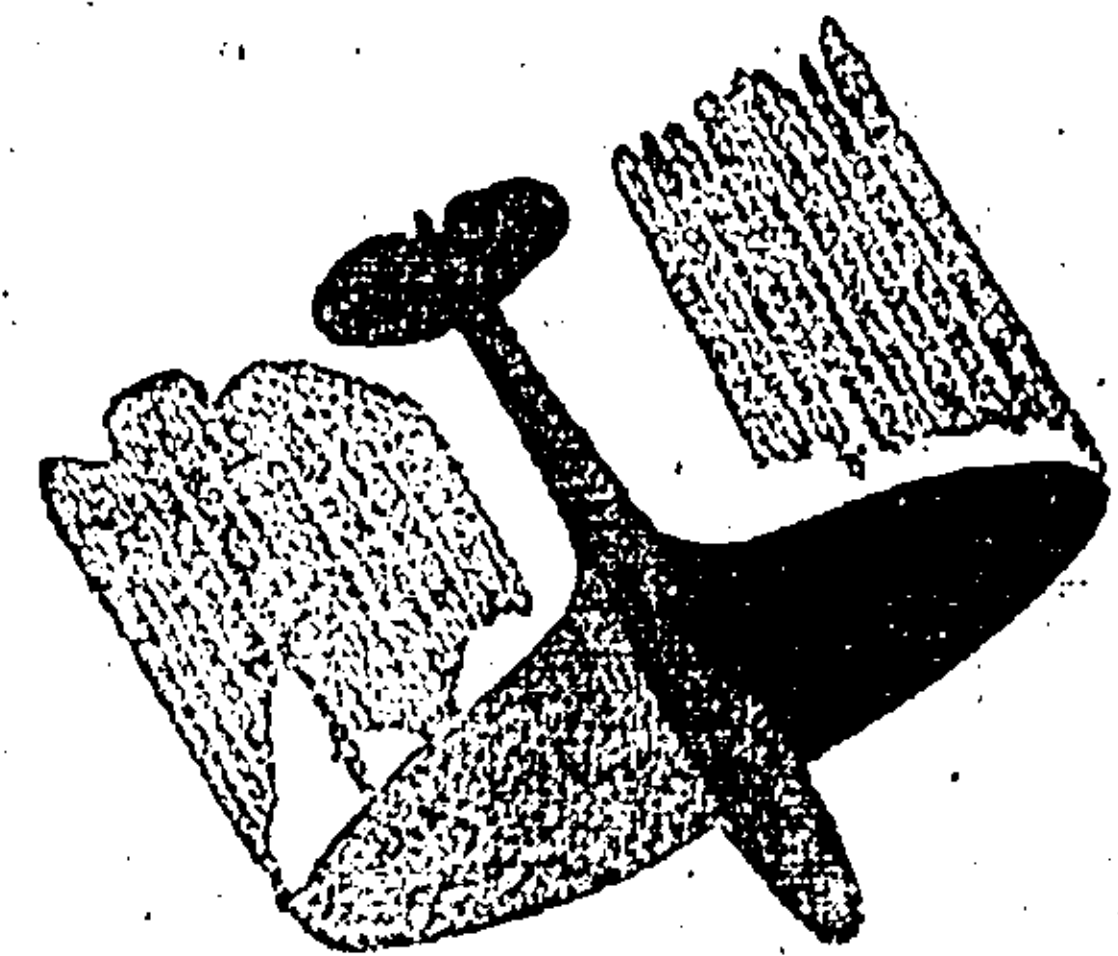
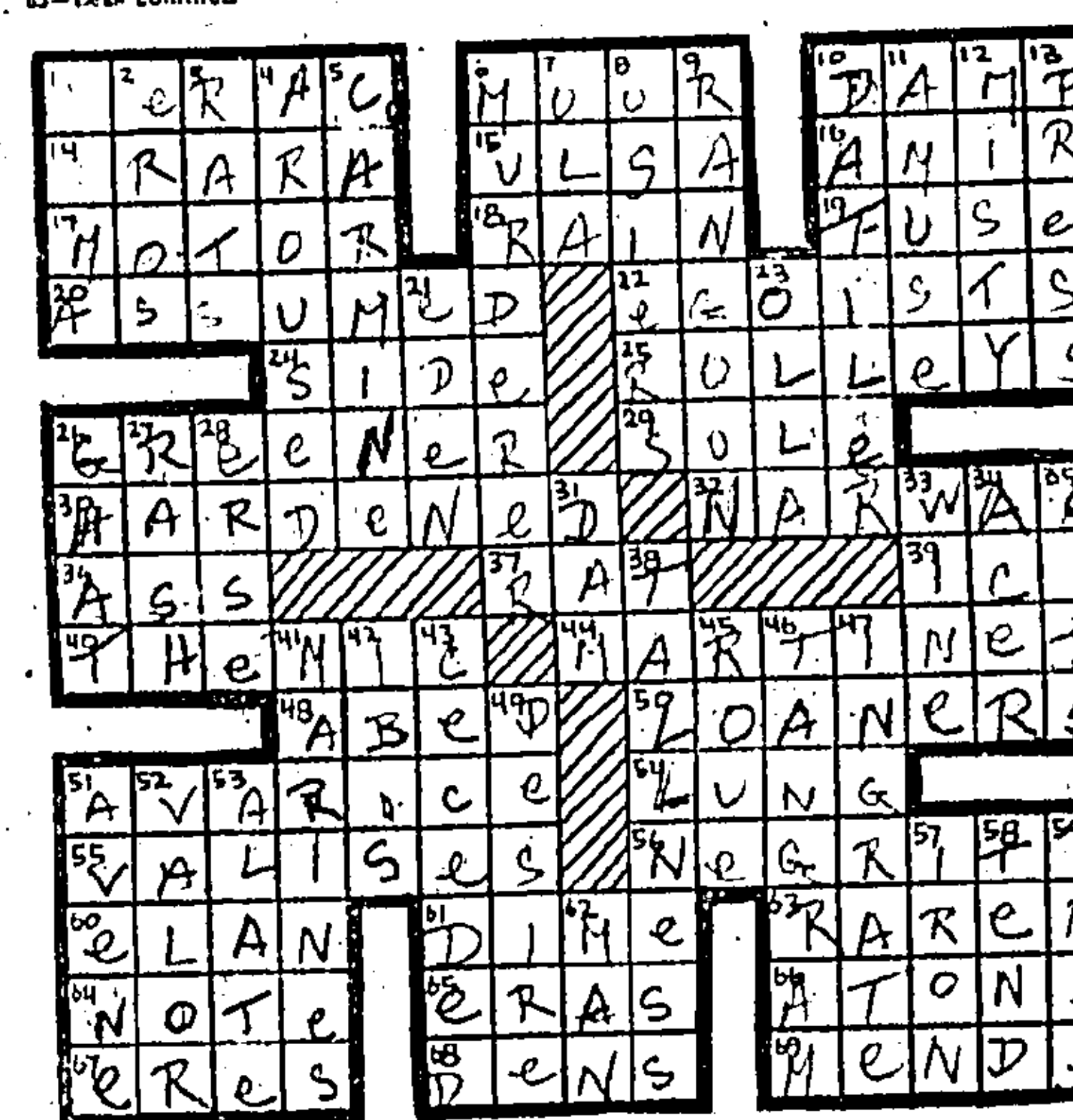
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Block of glacier ice
- 2-North African Arab
- 3-Black Australian cockatoo
- 4-Dead in two consultations
- 5-Muslem noblemen
- 6-Part of the scales
- 7-Shower
- 8-Electrical protective device
- 9-Book for granted
- 10-Self-centered people
- 11-Lateral boundary
- 12-Calamine trucks
- 13-Less ripe
- 14-Plat fish
- 15-Griffened
- 16-Artistic marine animal
- 17-Donkey
- 18-In bed
- 19-Hard water
- 20-Persecution of justice
- 21-Petty tyrant
- 22-Money-lenders
- 23-Corollary
- 24-Respiratory organ
- 25-Traveling bag
- 26-Norfolk race of Oceania
- 27-Ten cents
- 28-Less common

DOWN

- 1-Rodents
- 2-Racled emotionally
- 3-Iced
- 4-Prone to kill
- 5-Anglo-Saxon money of account
- 6-City in Burma
- 7-One who pollutes
- 8-Entertain
- 9-Poet
- 10-Queer
- 11-Garden of Paradise
- 12-Palm tree
- 13-Grass of mountain
- 14-Indian mountain
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In Germany the targets included the docks at Kiel and Wilhelmshafen, the transformer station at Kolsterback, near Frankfurt, the Messerschmitt factory at Augsburg, oil tanks and supply depots at Mannheim, and secret aerodromes. In Italy the Fiat works at Turin and the Marcelli Magneto factory at Sesto San Giovanni were again attacked. In enemy-occupied France oil tanks in the Gironde Estuary near Bordeaux, at Pauillac, near Brest and at Cherbourg were bombed.

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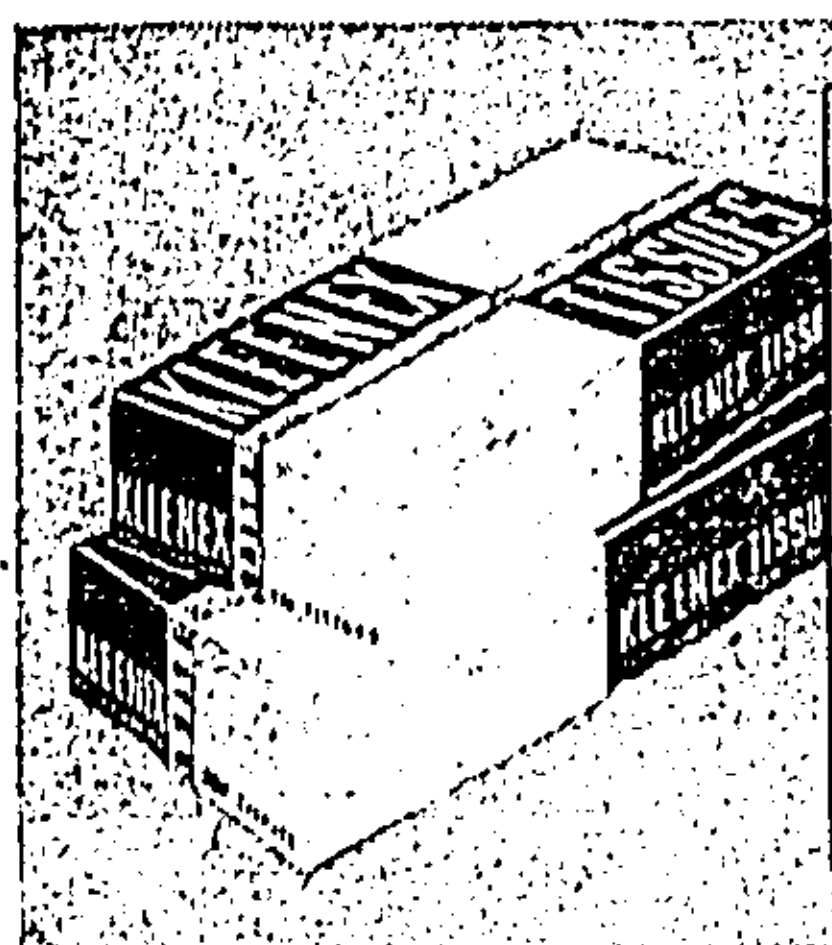


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DEATH

ALVES.—On October 28, 1940, Theresa Maria Alves, aged 24 years, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Alves. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day. (Singapore, Macau, Shanghai and Manila papers please copy).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

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AXIS—Round and Round

IT is interesting to speculate on the possibilities of Hitler's grand diplomacy in Europe to-day for it gives us a glimpse of the enormous difficulties that lie behind moves which are apt to seem terrifying to us on the Allied side if we allow the mere bulk of the pro-Axis or Axis-influenced world to dominate our thoughts.

Should Hitler's dream come true, Spain and France will turn offensive weapons on the British Isles to make a complete and hostile wall of Europe. "Operations" about us—with the exception of Portugal whose influence on our behalf would be negligible with such powerful enemies behind her.

It may be that Spain has been promised the restoration of Portugal to the old empire of Castille if that staunch little ally should prove an impediment to total warfare conducted from the entire Iberian Peninsula. If such a bargain has not yet been struck, maybe it is because Germany doesn't want to see another disposition of Colonies until she is better equipped to share the race.

The actual effect of a successful Hitler diplomacy would not add greatly to the weight of attack that Britain has to sustain. French or Spanish troops would hardly fight with vigour against the Allies because for one reason they don't want to fight anybody now and secondly because their grievances against the Allies are more theoretical than real. Their fleets and air forces are not considerable.

Germany already has all the bases in France that she needs for her raids on England. If she had Spanish help in launching an attack on Gibraltar, and if that attack were successful, the British fleet would not greatly mind being "trapped" in the Mediterranean. They would still have to be wiped out and neither Italian warships nor German bombers could bring that to pass.

A battle of infantry would have to be fought and a logical scene for such a battle—discounting an invasion of Great Britain—would be North Africa. Happily we have had time to prepare our plans.

The Balkans have long been a melting pot of politics, racial warfare and commercial juggling. The so-called adherence to the League of Nations and Rumania, the hesitation of Bulgaria and the trepidation of Yugoslavia need not worry us much now. Hitler has exposed their fundamental weaknesses; he will find it much more difficult to pour them into the Axis mould.

With Turkey and Russia standing grimly expectant on the Reich's artificial frontiers, Hitler must be careful not to strain his new found allies. They represent so much dead weight and are likely to do so for some time. Greece is a different matter, but it is certainly unlikely that any ultimatum to this plucky little country will be accepted without a fight in which the British Navy would help to give the Axis a metallic and complete answer.

I'VE SEEN MY FIRST AIR RAID

I've seen my first air raid. Taken cover in my shelter from necessity instead of caution.

I've filled with experience the fabric of imagination concerning those graphic phrases we've read so often these past months.—Roar of guns... Thud of bombs... Scream of planes... Chatter of machine guns!

I've wondered so often what it would all be like if the threat should ever materialise to make the bit of sky above "our" bit of the world black with menace. If Death should ride some moonlight night or some bright sunny morning, over "our" garden. Somehow I never thought it would.

Never thought that with all its dread insistence this war would ever hurl itself at little insignificant bits of my world like my little shopping area, my bit of road, the fields and woods where my children play. It seemed so silly that anything so big could ever be so small and personal.

But that's the way it is.

To-day I've picked up scores of machine gun bullets from my lawn and among my roses. A Dornier bomber flew across my garden no higher than the trees which fringe it. I could see each member of the crew clearly enough to distinguish features.

The first of the dozen bombs dropped created a large crater behind our garden. The plane itself is spilt over the field from which earlier in the morning we had gathered blackberries for our luncheon pie.

We had just served luncheon when the sirens wailed. There was nothing to tell us that the warning—would-herald-anything more exciting than previous ones had done. Twice we had heard distant gunfire. Once nothing at all—not even the drone of an airplane.

The children—I have a daughter of ten and a son of nine—were hungry.

"Let's take lunch down to the shelter," they suggested. Each carrying a plate of roast beef and vegetables (yes, we still have roast beef in Britain) and one of blackberry pie and cream we walked through the garden to our first underground meal.

The drone of aircraft as we went through the garden was very great. "Must be our craft off to attack," we thought... little dreaming they were German planes passing right over our heads in waves. We could not see them. In a deep blue cloudless sky they were at such a height as to be invisible to the naked eye.

We had settled with some amusement to the intricacy of balancing a plate on our knees and were half way through the beef. The shelter door was open to give us fresh air as long as possible. The highest note sound I have ever heard, like a liddle string at breaking point, began in a whisper.

In far less than a second of time it had become the most ear-splitting and horrifying noise I have ever heard. I knew it instinctively for what it was—a plane hurling through the sky to destruction. It made me, in the utter and complete meaning of that graphic American expression, "sick in the stomach."

Oddly, it didn't occur to me that it could be an English plane. I said: "Poor, poor beggar" and "Oh God, how horrible" as I saw him plunge—smoke pouring in a fantastic feather plume

By IRIS CARPENTER

Iris Carpenter is a well-known London journalist. She is married, with two children, and lives in south-east England. During the first phase of the air war against Britain she was at home when an air battle blazed into life above her. Despite the horror and noise of it all she recorded what she saw and felt. Her description of the battle is as vivid as anything that has so far been written by observers of war, 1940.

against the blue sky, in a long drawn scream to earth.

The silence following the crash came sharp as the jolt with which one falls off a cliff in a dream. Silence broken almost before it fell by the same ghastly noise again... and again...

I had broken the rule of all honourable and law abiding citizens without realising it. Instead of remaining safely under cover, I found myself standing at the top of the steps leading down to the shelter. Mother instinct, however, had made me shut the shelter door.

Drumming streaked towards me from every part of the sky. Right above my house a Spitfire and a Messerschmitt banked and dived and spat fire at one another in the first dog-fight I have ever seen. Three other planes joined them in a flash—whether British or German it was impossible to say.

The noise was deafening. Yet, however loud the roar of engines and the scream of diving planes became, nothing seemed to cover the sharp rattle of machine guns as burst after burst clattered over the sky. One, two, three planes streaked away, smoke pouring from them. "Mustn't been going on over their heads," I said. "They may be putting up a smoke screen to get away."

Dive bombers, machine-gunning the roads, added to the inferno and made me run quickly down the steps of the shelter. I got a good view from the bottom, with a margin of safety from behind the parapet of sandbags with which the entrance to the shelter is protected.

There was a roar like thunder behind me as a huge Dornier came slowly over the trees, following the railway line which runs beside our garden. A Spitfire screamed out of the sky in a four-hundred-mile-an-hour dive right over him. Fired a staccato burst, soared to engage a Messerschmitt which had come down after him to the bombers' protection. Together these two wheeled in a thrumming crescendo of noise away out of sight over the trees.

More Spitfires appeared magnificent in their ruthless and spectacular tenacity as a shattering crump throbbed its way Air Force paid. One bomber up from the ground... right wrecked itself and the peace of up through my bones to bump our churchyard. Another littered my stomach. So far under-ground that was the most I could feel physically of the concussion lives. There are dozens of the first bomb I heard fall on others within a few miles' my native land.

A dozen came down in quick succession. I experienced and who serves my meat captured mess for brave men who must the crew of one plane. They die, horror at the manner of shewed me the plane's camera. their dying, admiration for the courage of the pilots in the nerve-rendering excitement of air combat.

These had cleared thought of the dread purpose of it all, which was to drop these monstrous missiles so as to harrow the soil and numb the heart; to hurt people, ordinary people who have done nothing to deserve it, to hurt them dreadfully, to break up their bodies and split open their homes.

With the bombing over, everything seemed to stop for a little while. I went into the shelter to see how the children were, to away with this sort of thing.

"THE DESTROYERS COME TO SAVE"

By "Strategicus"

In the state of uneasy waiting into which the war has drifted the welcome addition of the re-conditioned destroyers from the United States mark a significant change. They are of course old types; but very similar to one of the classes of British destroyers which has done excellent work. They are gunned sufficiently and have an anti-aircraft defence that will protect them against a menace which has arisen since they last saw active service. Their number can best be measured by the reflection that they represent almost thirty per cent. of the destroyer strength with which Britain entered the war.

It is not so obvious, that this reinforcement will appreciably affect the military situation. Clearly it must increase the difficulties of any attempted invasion; and this is the purpose of Germany's present activity against Britain.

The plethora of air-raids can have no other explanation. They attempt to destroy the Royal Air Force by bombing its aerodromes and the aeroplane factories. But the destruction of the Royal Air Force is only a means to a further end, the invasion and destruction of Britain.

From the first Germany has been under the necessity of seeking a speedy decision and for some months it has been obvious that only the destruction of Britain will yield it. But there has recently risen above the horizon a new factor, which makes the need of a decision even more imperative.

Goebbels and Hitler have made it clear that the British air offensive, which for so long they affected to ignore, is really injuring Germany in material as well as in morale.

To check this offensive Hitler recognises he must defeat Britain. He has found it impossible to force back the Royal Air Force concentration sufficiently far from the coast to secure a chance of landing; an expeditionary force under cover of his Air Force, cross-Channel guns and small naval vessels; and in any case he would have to deal with the Navy.

Gloomy before, the outlook is now almost completely forbidding. It has been admitted that the surrender of France gravely changed the naval situation; and even when the French capital ships were dealt with, the shortage of smaller craft remained a handicap.

That shortage has now to a considerable extent been made

and them playing the gramophone, unaware of all that had been going on over their heads. My son was indignant at being kept "cooped up." "If this is going on," he said, bitterly, "there might just as well not be any raids at all."

A friend came in from next door with a cup of tea. She has an electric kettle in her shelter and can accordingly provide hot drinks there at any hour of the day or night.

We had just started gratefully to drink it when a fresh fight developed with the arrival of another Dornier. Again it was only just above the trees, coming towards us and losing height so rapidly it seemed that it must crash into the garden. Actually it came down about a quarter of a mile away—in the blackberry field. It was the plane brought down with rifle fire from their post a little way up the road.

All around us to-day is strewn evidence of the price the Nazi terror crump throbbed its way Air Force paid. One bomber up from the ground... right wrecked itself and the peace of up through my bones to bump our churchyard. Another littered my stomach. So far under-ground that was the most I could feel physically of the concussion lives. There are dozens of the first bomb I heard fall on others within a few miles' my native land.

My grocer and the man who serves my meat captured mess for brave men who must the crew of one plane. They die, horror at the manner of shewed me the plane's camera. their dying, admiration for the courage of the pilots in the nerve-rendering excitement of air combat.

These had cleared thought of the dread purpose of it all, which was to drop these monstrous missiles so as to harrow the soil and numb the heart; to hurt people, ordinary people who have done nothing to deserve it, to hurt them dreadfully, to break up their bodies and split open their homes.

With the bombing over, everything seemed to stop for a little while. I went into the shelter to see how the children were, to away with this sort of thing.

good, and the risks of invasion are to that extent increased. The appreciation of this fact may drive Germany to chance her luck at once. In any case the weather will begin to deteriorate in a few weeks' time; and the prospect of the reinforcement of the destroyer force may persuade her to strike at once if she means to strike at all.

There is, however, another direction in which the reinforcement will be even more welcome. The Service commanders do not fear the invasion; but it has to be admitted that the lack of a sufficiency of smaller naval vessels has had an appreciable effect upon the shipping losses.

Figures for the eight weeks since the capitulation of France are now available; and though those of the second four weeks show a decrease of thirteen per cent. in sinkings, they are still too heavy for comfort. It was of course inevitable that losses should increase. Germany is now in possession of the Dutch, Belgian and French Atlantic ports; the French fleet is no longer available and the Italian fleet at least compels the Royal Navy to divide its forces. These factors were bound to have their effect; and indeed it is incredible that the losses have not risen more.

During the last four weeks the weekly sinkings have twice been over 70,000 tons; but on one occasion they were as low as 39,000. Though they naturally vary, and though Britain is now in control of more shipping tonnage than at the outbreak of the war, the losses are serious in view of the wide and widening range of uses to which the shipping has now to be put.

That effective steps are being taken to keep the sinkings within bounds can be gathered from the fall of thirteen per cent. in the last four weeks as compared with the preceding period. Little more could be done without an increase in strength of the destroyer force.

The destroyers will also improve the situation in the Mediterranean. Capital ships owe their security very largely to the smaller craft which attend them when they leave port; that is they owe their effective mobility to cruisers and destroyers.

Everyone recognises the desirability of bringing the elusive Italian Navy to battle; but this is by no means easy in so great a sea as the Mediterranean, particularly when Italy, despite losses, still has a large number of submarines at her disposal.

The great enemy of the submarine is the destroyer. With its modern detecting apparatus and great speed the destroyer can pick up and trace the submarine to its hiding place; and when that is accomplished the submarine's days are over.

The United States destroyers, in giving the Mediterranean fleet greater mobility, will greatly increase its chance of bringing the Italian fleet to action. No one in Britain has any doubt about the result of any such clash; and the effect of an Italian defeat would be immediately felt over the eastern Mediterranean.

Even apart from a defeat, any increase of the British Navy in this area especially in its faster units will improve its patrolling power, and to that extent increasingly restrict the radius of action and influence of the Italian Navy.

On paper this is a strong and efficient fighting force; and while it is undefeated and retains a certain amount of liberty every State which borders the Mediterranean must feel its influence.

No one knows what Italy means by her bullying of Greece. Her manoeuvres in Syria are similarly a matter of mere speculation. But her broad design is to break British power in the Near East.

The British naval concentration in that area is quite sufficient to deal with the Italian Navy. But with this new increase in strength it will be able to forbid any hope of profit by the attempted seizure of ports in Greece and make a land offensive valueless.

It will have its effect even on the East of Africa where the recent advance in Kenya shows that Italy means to exploit her nuisance value to the full.

The effect upon the morale of Italy and its influence upon neutrals must also be taken into account. At one stroke the war situation everywhere has been changed. Even where the change is slight it is significant; and in several directions it must be very considerable.

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Sing Tao Fortunate To Draw With S. China

Lee Wai-tong Prominent In Virile Attack

(By "Scrambler")

SING TAO were decidedly fortunate to share four goals with South China in their senior league football game yesterday at Caroline Hill before what must have been a Hongkong record for attendance. The touch lines were crowded to six deep all round, thus impeding the play to a certain extent.

SOUTH CHINA not only astounded their supporters by their display, but gave an exhibition so reminiscent of their old form that they had the Sing Tao team on their toes during the greater part of the game. Never has one seen Lee Wai-tong playing so energetically as he did yesterday. He always had someone at his heels, yet was able to feed his forwards with nice ground passes.

The play opened with Sing Tao attacking, and for a while play was being continually transferred from one end to the other. Both keepers were called upon to defend their citadels, and on one occasion Cheong Wing-choi had to dive full length to effect a clearance from Lee Tak-kee. Lee Wai-tong was fouled twice in succession by Sing Tao's pair of backs, and the resultant kicks were cleared.

After interesting exchanges for about twenty minutes, South China drew first blood when, from a pass by Tso Kwai-sing, Lee Shek-yu pushed the ball to Lee Tak-kee, who tapped it into the corner of the net. This advantage was short lived for within five minutes Sing Tao were on level terms, when Kwok Ying-kie, from a centre by Ip Pak-wah, scored from close in.

South China In Lead

Crossing over on level terms, South China surprised the spectators with a quick goal. From the kick off, Lau Chung-sung brought the ball into Sing Tao's territory and passed the ball to Lee Tak-kee, who evaded Hou Yung-sung to slice the ball into the net.

At this stage, South China were definitely on the aggressive, and Cheong Wing-choi was called upon to clear in quick succession from Tso Kwai-sing, Lee Wai-tong and Lee Tak-kee. In one of these attacks, Cheong Wing-choi had to leave his charge and Lee Wai-tong, cleverly evaded his dive, and pushed the ball through, only to see Li Tin-sung clear with his head.

South China were trying hard to increase their lead, and Sing Tao were playing very listlessly at this stage. In one of the Sing Tao raids Fung King-cheung received a pass and sent the ball to Kwok Ying-kie who pushed it past Tam Kwan-hon to come once again on level terms, much against the run of play.

South China were definitely playing better than Sing Tao on the day's play. They swung the ball around more than their opponents, who were content to play the close passing game. With Lee Wai-tong being continuously shadowed by the

HOW TEAMS FARED

First Division		
Eastern	6 Club	2
Navy	5 Royal Scots	5
Middlesex	3 St. Joseph's	0
South China	2 Sing Tao	2
Police	3 Kwong Wah	1
Second Division		
Kit Chee	5 Kowloon	2
R.A.O.C.	4 Club	1
Navy	5 30th R.A.	1
Middlesex	5 Kwong Wah	2
Royal Scots	1 Engineers	1
Royal China	0 Sing Tao	1
R.A.S.C.	11 Police	1
Third Division		
R.A.S.C.	1 12th Hvy R.A.	0
Engineers	1 Shell	1
35th R.A.	0 R.A.M.C.	3
24th R.A.	0 R.A.F.	3
A.S.A.	0 International	0
7th R.A.	2 20th Hvy R.A.	1
Signals	1 30th R.A.	0

Sing Tao's defence, much of the work fell to Lee Tak-kee, who acquitted himself well in the forward line. Lau Chung-sung lent admirable support to the team, falling back during the greater part of the game as a fourth half, and always coming up to the forward line whenever wanted. The two wingers were conspicuous with runs down the line, and although weak at times, Tso Kwai-sing, sent across many useful centres.

Good South China Halves

The superiority of South China's intermediate line can well be gauged by the fact, that the two speedy Sing Tao's wingers were kept very much subdued during the greater part of the game. Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po and Tso Kwai-sung played very well indeed, especially the wing halves. Lam Tak-po the pivot, worked tirelessly throughout the game, and had the measure of Sing Tao's forwards.

With their intermediate line working like a machine, it was only to be expected that the two South China's backs, Tsang Chung-wan and Lee Kwok-wai, would have their work reduced to a certain extent; TURN to Page 5, Column Five



Goalie clears. Tam Kwan-hon (South China) clears from the head of Lai Shu-wing (Sing Tao) in their League soccer match at Caroline Hill yesterday.—Ming Yuen

England To Meet India In International Shield Final

ON THE Kowloon C.C. green yesterday, India defeated Ireland and England defeated the Philippines to enter the final of the Gutierrez International Bowls Shield. The results were according to expectations, India winning by 25-14 and England by 22-12.

The Irishmen, who eliminated the Swiss holders of the title the previous day on the Craighower C.C. green, found the Indians a tougher proposition than their opponents of Saturday and, after the first seven or eight heads, they were always in arrears.

The Indian leads, A. H. Rumlajn and A. M. Rumlajn, who had played an indifferent game in the second round against Scotland, showed slight improvement while the Omar brothers again showed consistent form. Ireland scored on eight of the 21 heads, including a four on the 17th, but they conceded a five and two fours.

Leading by 10-5 on the 10th head, the Philippines fell off badly in the next eight heads, every one of which they lost. From being four shots behind, England shot into a 20-10 lead as the result of this burst of scoring and by this time had the match "in the bag."

The match was featured by low counts, only one three being registered—for England on the 17th end. The rest were twos and singles.

Ireland v. India	
C. Dowman	A. H. Rumlajn
A. Wright	A. M. Rumlajn
H. Lockhart	K. M. Omar
W. V. Field	U. M. Omar

Philippines v. England	
H. A. Castro	G. Perkins
A. E. H. Castro	W. J. Bagley
V. W. Alfons	G. H. Sheriff
R. Bana	A. J. Hall

Scores	
Ireland	1
India	1
Philippines	1
England	1
Scotland	1
Switzerland	1
France	1
Spain	1
Italy	1
Germany	1
Japan	1
U.S.A.	1
Canada	1
Australia	1
New Zealand	1
South Africa	1
Argentina	1
Chile	1
Peru	1
Ecuador	1
Venezuela	1
Colombia	1
Cuba	1
Puerto Rico	1
Dominican Republic	1
Honduras	1
El Salvador	1
Nicaragua	1
Costa Rica	1
Panama	1
Haiti	1
Dominican Republic	1
Honduras	1
El Salvador	1
Nicaragua	1
Costa Rica	1
Panama	1
Haiti	1

T. A. Pearce Wins Colony Golf Championship From O. E. C. Marton

THOUGH SCORES were not exceptional, competition was very keen for the Amateur Golf Championship of the Colony which was played off at Fanling yesterday. T. A. Pearce (156) beat O. E. C. Marton (157) by the one stroke, while F. D. Hunter (158) was only another stroke behind.

Pearce's morning round of 76 on the Old Course was the best for that course, but winner of the prize for the best Old Course round was Col. Rose 78.

Hunter made a magnificent effort in the afternoon and returned a card of 75, which, though it failed to place him ahead of either Marton or Pearce, gave him prize for the best round on the New Course.

R. K. Collins (Kowloon C.C.) took the Visitor's Cup with an aggregate of 100, and was 4th in the Championship. Scores were:

Old New Total	
T. A. Pearce	76 80 156
O. E. C. Marton	80 77 157
F. D. Hunter	83 75 158
R. K. Collins	82 78 160
J. L. C. Pearce	81 80 161
A. J. Dennis	84 81 165
D. J. Rose	85 80 165
Col. Rose	78 91 169
F. Groves	86 81 167
R. C. McKenle	89 82 171
W. Ahern	87 85 172
F. A. Redmond	83 89 172
T. B. Low	85 90 175
A. W. Ramsay	86 92 182

Queen Mary Hospital Staff Beat University

QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL Staff and the Hongkong University met in a friendly game of cricket at Pokfulam yesterday, the former claiming victory by only 4 runs. Keen bowling backed up by fine fielding was responsible for the low scores.

Scores were:

University—77 (J. Fenton 21, V. Gegg 12, V. Lingam 11, Haynes 3 for 23, Ozerio 2 for 11, Skinner 2 for 5).

Hospital—81 (J. Tsui 23, J. McGowan 10, K. T. Lui 11, Hong Choy 4 for 23, Mazza 5 for 21).

CLUB DEFEAT NAVY 17-3

Faulty Handling By Club Three-Quarters

(By "Fly-half")

St. Joseph's Trounce Chinese Baseballers

Surprise result of the week-end softball matches was the defeat of the Wahooks at the hands of the Cardinals yesterday, while the St. Joseph's Chinese Baseballers, from which much was expected, proved a frost, the former winning by 14-2.

The Ramblers made hay against the Chung Hwa, winning by 24-9, but Canuckettes went one better and tramped on the Little Flowers 32-8!

Complete scores were:

WOMEN
Cardinals 7, Wahooks 2.
Ramblers 24, Chung Hwa 9.
Canuckettes 32, Little Flowers, 8.

MEN
Cyclones 9, Canucks 5.
Indians 10, Filipinos 4.
St. Joseph's 14, Chinese Baseballers 2.

Inter-Unit Matches Over The Week-end

FOUR more teams were eliminated from the Volunteers Inter-Unit lawn bowls competition for the "China Mail" Cup over the week-end. The 3rd Battery beat No. 2 Company, Field Engineers "B" beat Pay Section, 1st Battery "A" beat No. 2 Company, "A", and 1st Battery "B" beat No. 2 Company "B".

Scores were:
R. S. Capell, M. A. Wahab, W. L. Walker (3rd Battery) beat C. H. Logan, W. Tillery, A. W. Lapaley, C. S. M. Thom (No. 2 Coy. B), 21-15.
E. Casey, R. E. Lee, W. J. Howard, W. C. Simpson (Field Engineers) beat A. C. Tribble, A. A. Dand, W. B. Muskett, M. N. Rakusen (Pay Section), 21-13.
Morrison, Carr, Blackford, J. Watson (1st Battery A) beat W. McKie, D. Coul, C. Simpson, R. Howard (No. 2 Scottish Coy. A), 19-5.
T. L. Lockhart, G. P. Stone, C. Mow, L. Jack (1st Battery B) beat M. F. Alarcon, P. M. N. da Silva, R. M. Xavier, H. A. Boteho (No. 3 Coy B), 17-6.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE TENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 2nd November, 1940, commencing at 2.50 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Times are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th October, 1940.

Faulty Handling By Club Three-Quarters

CLUB on their own ground showed much improvement up forward, and with J. Thomson in another try-scoring mood, beat Navy by 17 points (a goal and 4 tries) to 3 points (a try).

Charter once again gave a steady display and kept Carter subdued. The former was not molested by wing forwards to the extent the latter was. Thomson, at the base of the Club scrum, gave a good service and backed up well to score two tries. The Club three's were poor in their handling, with Day chiefly at fault. Thompson was safe at full-back and opened up well, once when he brought the ball up and kicked across to Stewart who dribbled the ball one-third of the field to score.

Bosquet, nursing a strained knee, appeared to keep himself in reserve, whilst Stewart played hard. The Club pack was sold with Galdrer and McKie prominent. McKie hooked, and Castleton had to leave with an injury to his ribs. Navy were unable to turn out as picked. Watson, the hooker, is suffering from boils and intended to watch, but turned out for the "A" team as they were short. Hamble came in for Honeywell. Skinner, despite his weight, ran hard and scored a try having to run within a yard of the line all the way. McGill lacked speed to get round Stewart and carry on.

Castleton, who was much harassed by Club wing forwards, played quite well and showed much improvement on his displays in previous seasons for Club "A". King and Longmuir were hard-workers in the Navy pack.

THOMSON broke away with the ball at his feet with club forwards well up with him. McKie carried the ball on when Thomson lost possession and succeeded in dribbling over for a try.

Castleton missed the kick from an easy position. This was the only score in the first half.

Mid-way through the second half, Skinner caused a surprise when he ran down the touch-line and evaded Club defenders to score at the flag. King failed to convert. Thompson gave Club the lead again by a try which McKie converted.

Then Stewart, who was unfortunate not to score earlier when he was through but Day had unintentionally obstructed Wright and the whistle went, carried a cross kick by Thompson up field at his feet and set bent Wright in the dive over the line for the touchdown. McKie failed to add the additional points. Bosquet scored an unconverted victory by 16 points to nil.

ASSISTED by Hunter, Gracie, Dowie and Loughlin of the Royal Scots, "A" defeated Navy "A" by 16 points (two goals and two penalty goals) to nil.

Davies at wing forward was very active and effective while Caruthers cut through well and made openings for his wing in grand style. Strick kicked well to complete the game with two penalty goals and had two converts to his credit. Clemon and Morgan were once again a safe pair of halves.

A penalty goal by Stark and a try by Davies converted by Stark completed the first half scoring.

After the interval another penalty goal by Stark and a try by Thompson converted by Strick, gave Club Bosquet scored an unconverted victory by 16 points to nil.

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Navy—Wright, Skinner, Paul Lambie and McGill; Rutherford and Carter; Palmer, Brown, Manfield; Taylor, King; Beattie, Carey and Longmuir.

Police v. Army

IN A ROBUST GAME at Boundary Street, Army, without Wedderburn, gave another convincing display, winning by 22 points (four tries and two goals) to nil.

Police forwards stuck to their task well, but the halves could not get moving. Millar, of Army, who was prominent against Club, was too well marked to be effective on Saturday. Foley played hard against the quick breaking Police forwards but his passes were wild. Hook did well to hold many of the scrum half's passes. Marsh improved on his previous display and kept good control of Reynolds.

WEAK BACKS

Both full backs, Berry and Taylor, were not up to scratch. Taylor brought the dummy rather foolishly near the end of the game and was inclined to go too high. Coombes was good for Army at three. Ford, making his debut as a hooker, did well. Sutherland, Bompas and Millar were hard-working forwards.

Richards scored Army's first try which was followed by tries by Foley, Marsh, Richards, Douglas (2). Two were converted by Marsh from easy positions.

Army—Berry, Richards, Douglas, Coombes and Marsh; Hook and Foley; Sutherland, Ford, Bompas, Millar, Culbertson; Duke, Heath and Pinkerton.

Police—Taylor, Dinsdale, Hewlett, Jackson, Reynolds; Wall, Morrison; Rose, Todd, Seale; Oakley, Cullinan; Wright, Nool, Dempsey and Innes.

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NANCY



DANUBE MEETING

Control Over All British Ships

Sofia, Oct. 27. The Rumanian Government has gained control over all British owned and British chartered vessels in Rumanian territorial waters by a new decree issued by the Government under Nazi inspiration.

The decree declares that no charter of maritime or river vessels under foreign flags may be made without the authority of the Rumanian Ministry of Marine.

All charters must be submitted by the end of October, when the Ministry will decide whether the charter can be constituted or whether the Ministry will take over the vessels.

British owned vessels affected comprise 14 grain lighters, four tugs and two oil tankers which have been held by Rumania for some months at Braila and Sulina.

The decree also affects a further 65 ships under the British flag, which have been requisitioned by the authorities for military purposes. These vessels have been used exclusively by Rumania, but it is feared that they will also come under German control.

The decree declares that any attempt by foreign Powers to withdraw vessels registered under the Rumanian flag will be regarded as sabotage and treated with severe penalties.

A further breach of international law by Rumania concerns the former French fleet on the Danube, consisting of 44 vessels, including 25 grain barges, 12 tugs and four tankers.

An agreement was issued between French and British interests on June 12 for the purchase and transfer of this fleet to the British flag.

French Collapse Effect
The French collapse before the German advance has prevented the transfer of the fleet, and the Rumanians arbitrarily refused to allow the British flag to be hoisted on the vessels, put armed guards on them, and towed them from Braila upstream.

An official German delegation recently went to inspect these vessels, and later they were towed back to Braila by German tugs, hence there seems little doubt into whose hands they will fall.

The Rumanians contend that they have jurisdiction over British owned and chartered vessels, because they were registered in Rumanian ports. The British contend that the decree is contrary to international law, because the vessels were registered at the British consular offices, enjoying extraterritorial rights.

Greek Interests
Greek interests are also threatened, as there are 14 tugs and 24 grain lighters also under charter to Greek companies operating on the Danube. The Greeks have vigorously protested against the new decree. It is pointed out that the Germans are only obtaining desperately needed extra ships when the granary in south-east Europe is too depleted to make extra exports. Moreover, though many of the vessels can be converted for transport of crude oil, transport can only be effected until freezing of the Danube renders navigation impossible.—Reuter.

Germany Faces Russia
Sofia, Oct. 27. Germany's bid to control the Danube Highway lies behind the international conference to open at Bucharest to-morrow to discuss navigation rights in the upper and lower Danube. The Soviet Union, with the newly acquired Bessarabian interests in the Danube mouth, to obtain representation for the first time on the Danubian Commission.

As the other representatives from the Balkans and Italy are only pawns in the game it is Russia and Germany who are now manoeuvring for an advantage. Russia, who was left out of the earlier discussions staged by Berlin, is highly suspicious of the German moves for the establishment of naval bases in the Black Sea and Littoral.

In the Balkans the Danube issue is regarded as one of the first signs of fundamental conflict of German and Soviet interests in South-eastern Europe.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS AT SWATOW

Chaochow, Oct. 27. It is stated in a report that a fleet of eleven Japanese warships steamed into Swatow on October 17, and were followed by six more warships and one aircraft-carrier next morning. The fleet is reported to have come from Amoy and was en route to the Pearl River and Hainan. Twelve aircraft landed on the airfield on Nanshan Island from the aircraft-carrier.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.



FIGHTING IN AFRICA—Battlefield scene in western desert along Libyan border, in North Africa, showing Italian equipment destroyed by British armored cars. Great campaign against Egypt by Italian forces in Libya has begun.

British Tanks Proved They Were Better Than "Panzer Divisions"

BRITISH tanks are superior to those of the Germans. They stand up to German anti-tank guns, whereas our two-pounder anti-tank gun can penetrate the armour of any German tank. These facts are revealed in the history of a series of operations which show that when the time comes to strike Germany with land forces our tanks will be a big problem for the Germans.

The operations described in the official history occurred when part of the 50th Division of the First Tank Brigade were sent to attack south of Arras.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Lighting Restriction For The Blackout

The following notice to mariners regarding the blackout exercises to take place on the nights of October 29-30 and 30-31, has been issued by Comdr. G. F. Hole, Harbour Master.

In these exercises, the blackout will automatically commence at sunset (1740 Hours) on October 29, 1940, and remain in force until sunrise (0620 Hours) on the morning of October 31, 1940, when normal lighting and sea traffic will be resumed. External lights of every description on board vessels are prohibited, and all internal lights must either be extinguished or obscured so that no light is visible either from above or from any other direction.

Note:—Torches may be used to meet any special circumstance, but they must be screened with two thicknesses of ordinary blue close-woven cloth or paint.

The following lights in the Hong-kong area will be extinguished during the period of the blackout: Waglan Island, Tathong Point, Cape Collinson, South Lyemun, North Lyemun, Channel Rocks, Cust Rock, North Fairway Buoy, Central Fairway Buoy, South Fairway Buoy, Green Island, Cheung Chau Island Passage.

Normal lighting will be resumed on the night of October 31-November 1, 1940.

Port To Be Closed
The Port will be closed to all inward and outward shipping at sunset on October 29 to sunrise on October 30, and from sunset on October 30 to sunrise on the October 31, during which periods no movements of vessels, etc. will be permitted inside the Port.

Note:—(1) A restricted ferry service will be maintained by the Star Ferry between Hongkong and Kowloon subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 (1) which includes navigation lights, and in this connection the prescribed pier lights at Hongkong and Kowloon will be permitted provided that such lights cannot be seen from above and do not throw any light on to the water. (2) Should the "Air Raid Warning" Signal be given while the ferry is under way, she must proceed to the nearest safe anchorage or pier until such time as the "All Clear" Signal has been sounded.

Czech Anniversary

Independence Day Recalled

To-day, October 28, is the National Independence day of the Czechoslovak Republic, and is celebrated by all Czechoslovaks regardless of whether they are living in free countries or in territories under German "protection".

The following brief description of events in 1939 is condensed from the original document known as the Czechoslovak Blue Book, published in Paris last April.

On October 20, 1939, the anniversary of National Independence, there were manifestations in all towns in the Protectorate, especially in Prague. University students played a very active part in the processions formed, in spite of Von Neurath's prohibition. People were killed and wounded, and nearly 4,000 persons were arrested by the German Police, and some hundred were transported to the Pechek Palace in the basement of which are the Gestapo chambers of torture. Few of those came out uninjured. Fifteen days after these events, the family of Jean Opletal, a medical student, was merely informed that the young man had died. As a matter of fact he succumbed to the wounds and blows received at the hands of the Gestapo.

On November 15, 1939, the obsequies of Jean Opletal were held at the Institute of Pathology. The Chief of the Prague Police had at first forbidden any kind of ceremony, but the students desirous of paying last respects to their comrade went to the Protectorate Authorities to obtain permission. The funeral itself went forward with dignity and without a disturbing incident. Students had naturally assembled in very large numbers. At the close of the ceremony, when they were preparing to depart, they were deliberately provoked into unrest, which spread all over the city. The Nazis retaliated with much brutality, and a number of executions were carried out in the course of the next few days.

The Germans were obliged to admit officially that there had been twelve executions. However it was proved with absolute certainty that in Ruzyn, 34 students had been killed, and the next day a further 27 shared the same fate. As far as can be ascertained to date, the number of students and young intellectuals executed is 150, and the number imprisoned 4,000. The total number of dead is infinitely larger, and certainly exceeds a thousand, for the three weeks from October 28 to November 20. It is estimated that there are at least 70,000 Czechs in prison or in German concentration camps.

Nevertheless Czechs and Slovaks are determined to continue to fight for the liberation of their country. German atrocities being unable to stop the great struggle for independence undertaken in Czechoslovakia and outside wherever Czechoslovaks live.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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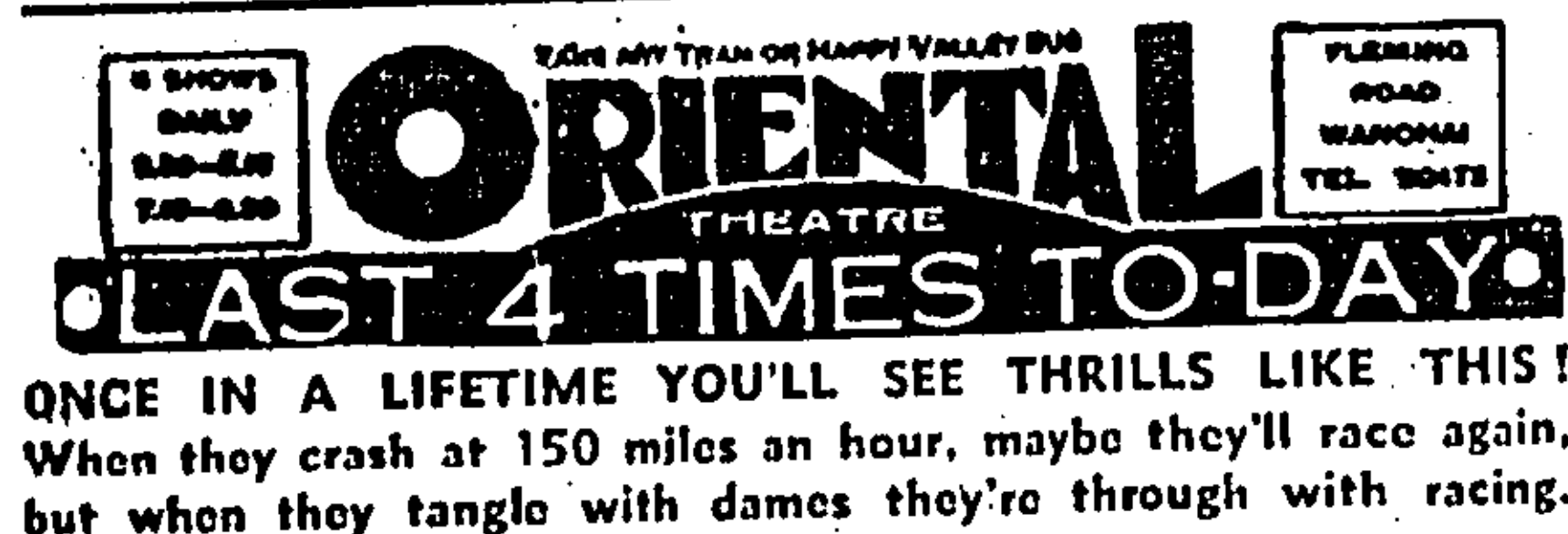
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The order affects 25,000 students, most of whom are under twenty-one years. It was announced as plans for training nearly 300,000 Canadians, who will be called up under the National Resources Mobilisation Act during the next year, were being completed at the Department of National Defence.

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When they leave the training centres they will probably be attached to a non-permanent militia unit in their home area for organisation purposes.

CRASH VICTIM

ADMINISTRATION OF MR. G. H. FOWLER'S ESTATE

Estate under \$300 was left by the late Mr. George Herbert Fowler, 29, of 65 Kadoorie Avenue, who died on August 24 following a plane crash at Kai Tak airport. Letters of administration to the estate have been granted to Mr. S. F. Fowler, the lawful attorney, for use of the widow, Elsie May Fowler.

Mr. Fowler was a well-known Hongkong sportsman and member of the Volunteer Air Arm. He was in a machine returning to Kai Tak after taking off earlier in the afternoon for training and patrol duty, and was heading for the landing field when its nose dropped and the plane crashed heavily on the pavement opposite the gate of the aerodrome. Mr. B. M. Hynes, who was also in the plane escaped with light injuries.

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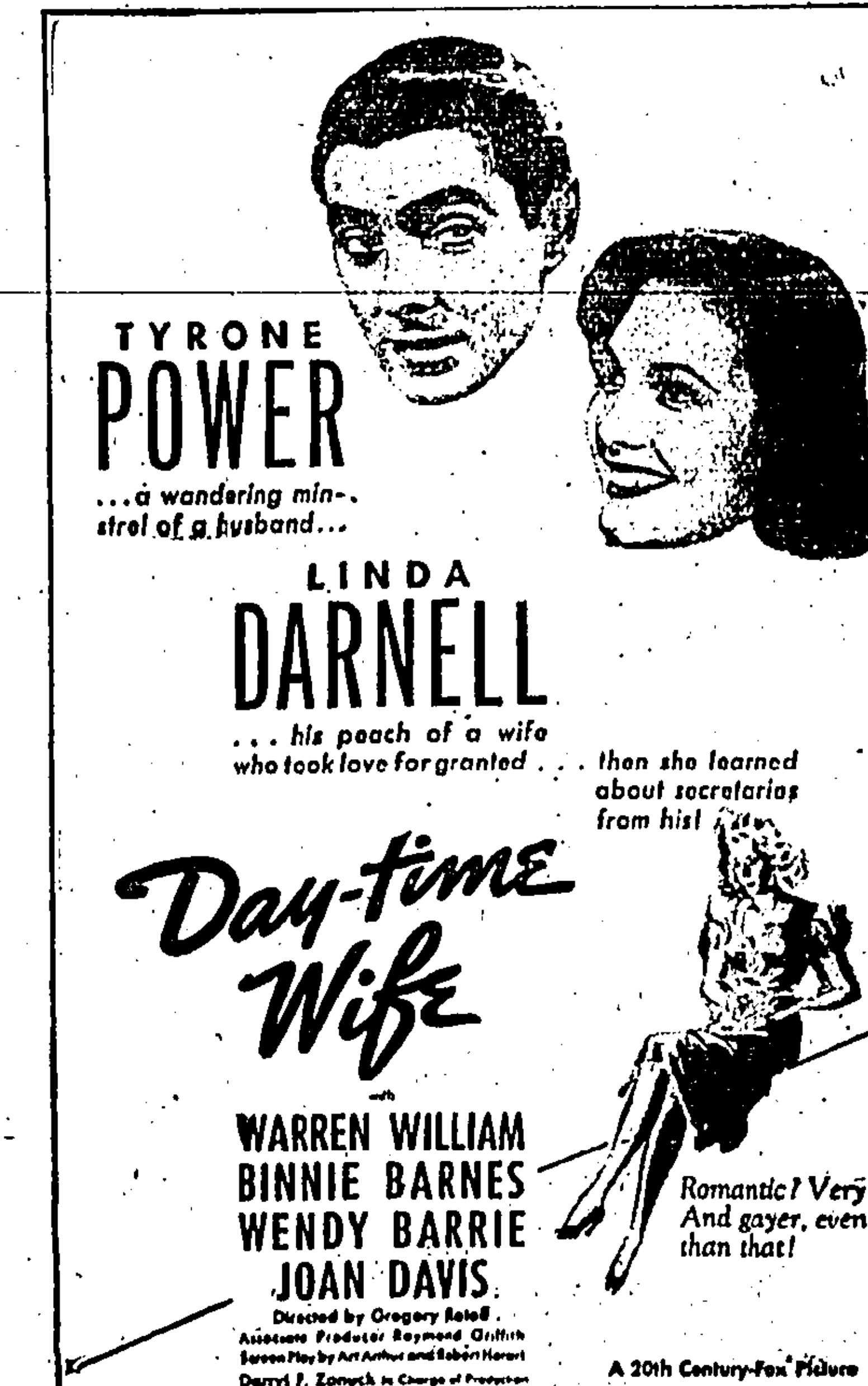
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ITALO-GREEK TENSION: IL DUCE RUSHES REINFORCEMENTS



Special to the "Telegraph"

THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION HAS INTERCEPTED A NAZI RADIO MESSAGE DECLARING THAT ITALY HAS DECIDED TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO ALBANIA AS A RESULT OF THE CLASH WITH GREEK SOLDIERS ON THE FRONTIER, SAYS A "DOMEI" REPORT FROM NEW YORK.

British Bombers Take Full Revenge

BERLIN BLASTED: LIFE AND INDUSTRY DISRUPTED

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Oct. 27 (UP).—Life in Berlin has been seriously disrupted and portions of the city's vital industries are charred ruins as a result of the Royal Air Force's blasting counter-attacks—early this morning they unloaded cargoes of super-bombs on the German capital—according to the Air Ministry communique this evening.

The announcement claimed that the German authorities have conceded the full extent of the bombardment by clamping down a rigid censorship on reports of the night R.A.F. bombing raids.

The new assault on Berlin early this morning occurred during wide ranging forays extending from Holland on the North Sea to Stettin on the Baltic, and from France to the coast of Norway.

Blazing Destruction

Relays of British planes spread blazing destruction on utility plants and railway yards in Berlin. Fourteen Nazi aeroplanes in Germany, Holland, Belgium and France, a whole chain of "invasion ports" and two German naval bases were also attacked.

The Air Ministry also announced that "reliable neutral sources" have provided proof that "Berlin has suffered severely from the many A. F. visits since the beginning of September" and also that it is known "that widespread damage has been done."

90 Minutes Bombing

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Berlin was for 90 minutes one of the main targets of R.A.F. activity over Germany, extending from the Baltic coast to Leipzig and Cologne.

Berlin had a taste of bombs of the heaviest calibre yet carried. A large fire was caused in an aero-engine factory in the north-west suburb and in the Monbit power station, which is one of Berlin's main sources of electric supply, while the Pulitzstrasse and Lehnitz railway yards were attacked with salvos of high explosive bombs dropped from a low altitude.

Aero-Engine Factory

Another British raiding force located the Brandenburg aero-engine factory at the Spandau suburb, ten miles north-west of the German capital, and attacked with high explosive and incendiary bombs, leaving a large fire burning fiercely.

Aircraft, during the 1,300-mile round-trip to Pollitz near Stettin, dropped several tons of explosives and incendiaries on the Norddeutsche Hydrierwerke oil refineries and started fires and explosions within the target area.

Leuna Oil Installation

At Cologne, the Union Rhinische Braunkohle plant was attacked and

Titanic Air Battles Over South England

Enemy Raiders Repulsed

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Oct. 27 (UP).—Titanic air battles have been raging all day from the south of England up to the outskirts of London, shattering stubborn German drives against the capital where to-night, the inky blackness is being broken by the distant flashes of defence guns.

British Spitfires and Hurricanes have been in the air from dawn to dusk intercepting repeated waves of the German "Luftwaffe" striking across the coast at a great height.

Not a single enemy plane reached central London, official sources said, although a few bombs have been dropped in the outer metropolitan area.

Eight German planes have been destroyed to-day and six R.A.F. planes are missing, the pilot of one being safe, the official communique states.

Repeated Raids

Repeatedly the "Luftwaffe" surged over the coast of Kent to fan out in broad attacks on Southeast England, but British patrols were invariably able to engage them before they could reach London, although considerable damage was done to a number of houses in the suburbs.

One raiding party near a group of houses on the fringe of London. The pilot jettisoned his bombs in an open space to aid his chances of escape when one of his wings broke off and he bailed out by parachute before his craft crashed.

Late to-day several enemy planes were seen in the western sky with British planes diving to the attack. The raiders broke formation and scattered for cover in the broken clouds.

Few Raiders Get By

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Raids have been made at intervals to-day by formations of enemy fighters and bombers crossing the coast of Kent and flying towards London, says an Air Ministry communique.

The raiders were engaged by our fighters and anti-aircraft defences and few of them succeeded in reaching London.

Some bombs were dropped in the London area and also in a number of places in south-east England.

Houses and other buildings were damaged at a few places but reports indicated that the number of casualties was small though it is stated that several persons were killed.

Hampshire Visited

An attack was also made on Hampshire in the late afternoon and a few bombs were dropped in one district.

Reports so far received show that several houses were destroyed and a number of people were injured.

It is confirmed that one more enemy aircraft was destroyed yesterday and another on Friday.

Germans Lose 8

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that eight enemy aircraft were destroyed to-day. Six British fighters were lost or missing, but the pilot of one is safe.

Siege Slackens

(By "REUTERS" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Oct. 27.—The aerial "siege" of London, which entered the eighth week to-day, was noticeably slackened in severity.

The regularity of raids is far from an accurate guide to the intensity of TURN to Page 2, Column Four

The same agency reports from Athens that a meeting between Italian and Greek officers took place on the Greece-Albanian frontier at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The meeting was held at the request of the Greek officer commanding the sector where firing took place early Saturday morning.

The Greek Government has issued two lengthy communiques denying the Italian charges that Greek soldiers were responsible for the Albanian frontier incident. The communiques claimed that the Italian reports were without foundation.

Tension Growing

Meanwhile tension in the relations between Greece and Italy is growing. "Reuter" says that the mystery of the shooting on the Albanian side of the frontier, in which it is said, two Albanian soldiers were killed and 35 wounded, while seven Greek soldiers were captured, is deepened by a semi-official statement issued in Athens.

The Italian account of the incident is emphatically denied. It is stated that no incident occurred on the frontier itself, but that Greek border posts on Saturday night heard firing which apparently came from the Albanian village of Verna two miles from the border.

The Greek commander of the TURN to Page 2, Column Five

Italy Is Expected To Act

Dramatic Censored "UP" Message

By Reynolds Packard
UNITED PRESS STAFF
CORRESPONDENT

ROME, Oct. 27 (UP).—The threat of Italian "intervention" against Greece is mounting rapidly—Mussolini together with high Fascists is reported to be en route for an important diplomatic conference abroad.

There are reports that Il Duce and Hitler will confer to-morrow... (here several words have been censored)... in the beginning of a series of vital diplomatic manoeuvrings.

So urgent is the situation regarded in Rome—there are new allegations of the massing of armed Greeks at six points along the Albanian frontier—that Mussolini pushed the clock ahead 24 hours to-day and celebrated to-morrow's 18th anniversary of the Fascist march on Rome.

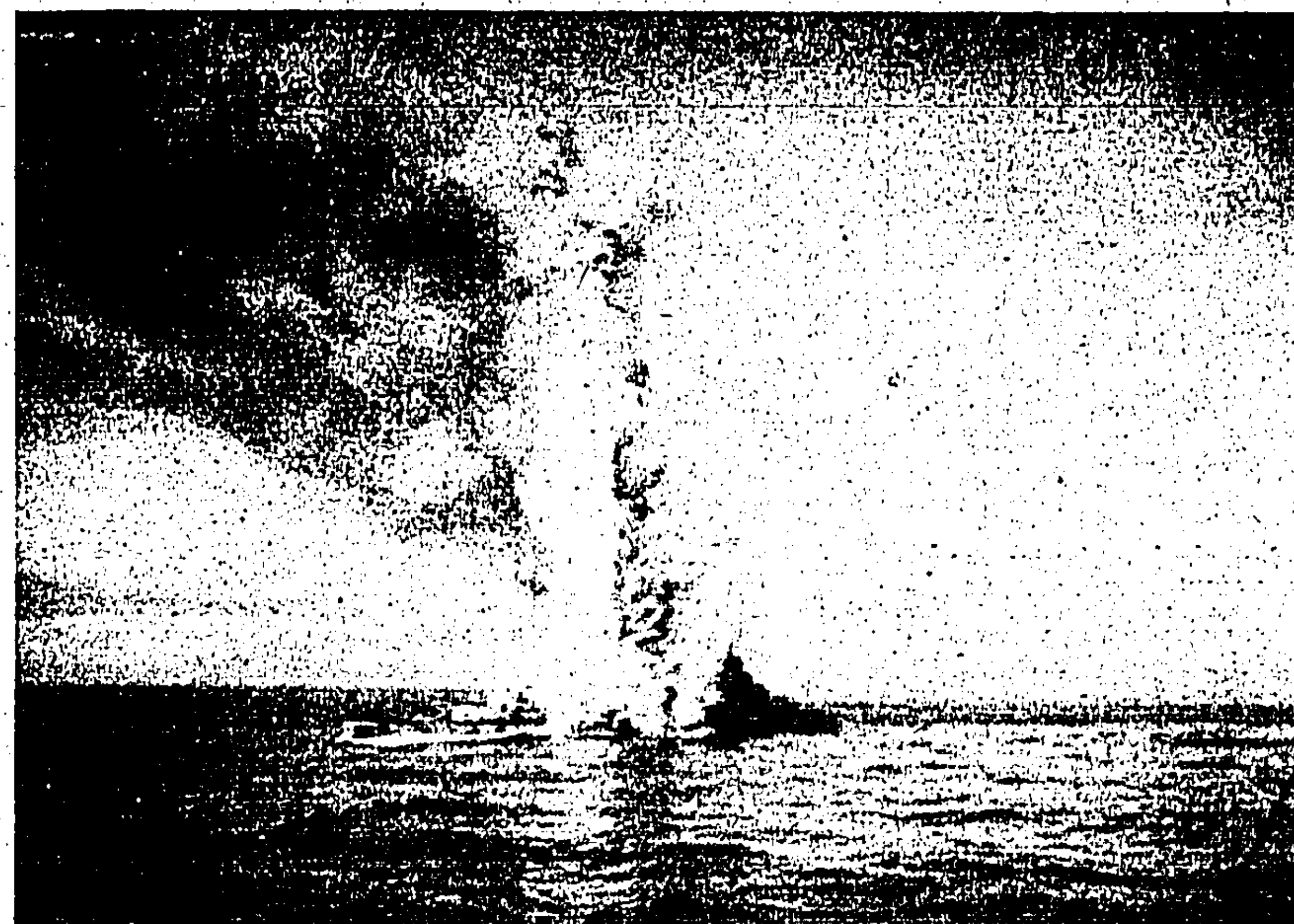
Censors At Work

It is understood the celebration was speeded up to enable Mussolini to leave to-night for his important diplomatic journey to (here the censor temporarily cut off Packard's phone call to Zurich).

Count Ciano and Signor Muti are said to be accompanying Il Duce. Further reports to-night state that the conference will be held at (again the censor cut off the phone call).

Reported to be in line with Hitler's negotiations with France and Spain and the strong possibility of an Axis push on the Balkan Mediterranean zone, Mussolini and Hitler are reported to be meeting again, possibly with M. Laval and General Franco attending the talks.

H. M. A. S. SYDNEY SINKS ITALIAN WARSHIP



EIRE IS READY TO DEFEND New Security Force

DUBLIN, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—The Eire Government is doing everything in its power to secure "the necessary arms" for a local security force of 100,000 men, said Mr. Eamon De Valera to-day.

Their desire to remain at peace was not a sufficient guarantee, he said. Warring groups might think it to their advantage to take possession of the whole or part of the country.

The local security force had been established to give the country one possible guarantee, namely, if attacked, they will defend themselves. They were not yet armed but he knew the country would gladly bear the cost of providing arms.

THAILAND WAITING

For French To Move

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BANGKOK, Oct. 27 (UP).—Since the last rejection of Thailand's demands for a readjustment of the Indo-China border, the Government of Thailand has not communicated again with the French Government, according to an official communique issued to-night.

The Thailand Government considers it the duty of the French themselves to examine Thailand's request in a sympathetic spirit and to give Thailand justice in this respect, the communique stated.

Puppet Troops Turn Against Japanese

CHUNGKING, Oct. 28 (Central News).—Large units of Japanese-organised Chinese troops stationed between Nanking and Changchow on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway have mutinied in the past week, according to a Shanghai message quoting a foreigner who has just arrived in Shanghai from Nanking.

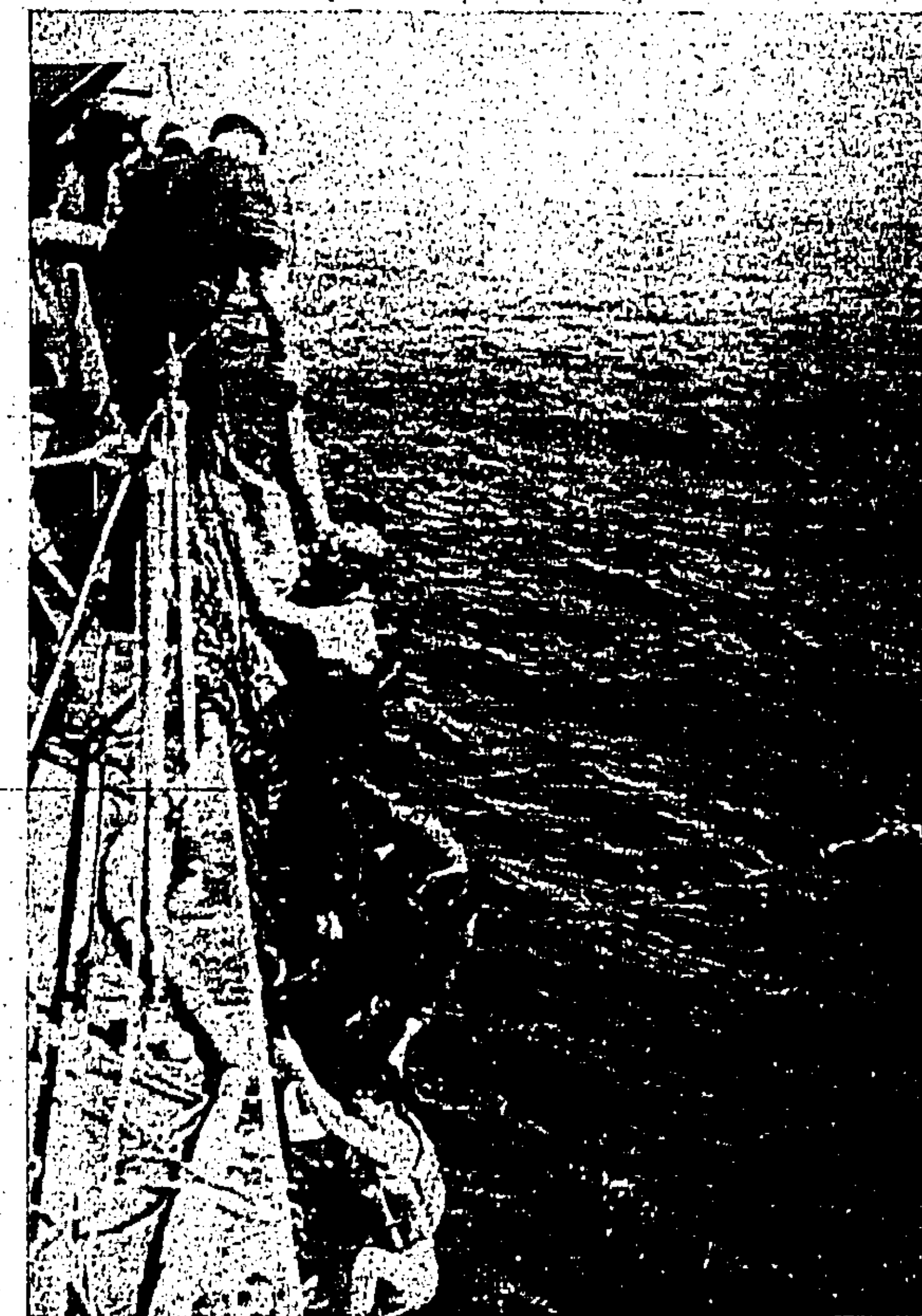
The foreigner saw a wrecked locomotive and several wagons lying beside the railway track as a result of a derailment caused by the mutineers.

Attention Centres On Threat To Gibraltar

ZURICH, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Political observers here expect fresh German military action to follow very closely on the Petain-Hitler agreement.

Indications to this effect are supported by Italian Press forecasts of imminent action in the Eastern Mediterranean.

In Swiss comment, Gibraltar is openly mentioned as the "next probable objective for an Axis attack. Meanwhile diplomatic observers here consider that the silence of



Mussolini To Meet Petain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (Domei).—According to the "Associated Press" Mussolini left Rome this evening for Florence.

It is declared that he is to meet Marshal Petain there.

Other reports say that General Franco will also take part in the meeting, which may possibly be attended by Hitler.

Two dramatic pictures showing the sinking of the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni by the Australian warship Sydney during an engagement in the Mediterranean. Top picture shows the Bartolomeo Colleoni with smoke pouring from her just before she sank, and below survivors from the Italian warship being rescued by the Sydney.

LATEST

French Congo Revolt: Victory For Gen. De Gaulle's Forces

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Oct. 27 (UP).—Dissident French troops who have rallied to General de Gaulle and who are commanded by Colonel de la Minat, advancing through forests from the Congo Valley, have virtually surrounded Lambarene village and fortress, deep in the brush of the hinterland of Gabon which is remaining loyal to the Vichy Government. Other points assailed are Libreville, the colonial capital and the port of the Vichy Government on the coast.

The dissident forces were obliged to cross 800 miles of forest and brush to surround the loyalists and native blacks. The encirclement coincided with a bombardment of Lambarene by

French planes operating under Colonel de la Minat's orders from bases near Brazzaville on the Congo.

Heavy Casualties

The Ministry for the Colonies has no further news regarding the dis-

sidents' attacks since the report was brought out by a runner. This report told of the air raid which cost heavy casualties of both blacks and whites. With the village encircled it is impossible to evacuate either the black or white population trapped in the TURN to Page 2, Column Five

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Australian Cabinet

Completion Announced
MELBOURNE, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Australia's reconstructed Federal Cabinet was announced to-day. It includes:
Mr. R. G. Menzies—Prime Minister and Minister for Co-ordination of Defence and Information;
Mr. W. M. Hughes, the veteran ex-Prime Minister—Attorney General and Minister for the Navy;
Mr. P. Spender—Minister for the Army;
Mr. K. McEwen—Minister for Air;
Sir Earle Page—Minister for Commerce;
Mr. A. W. Fadden—Treasurer;
Sir Frederick Stewart—Minister for External Affairs, Social Services and Health;
Senator P. A. McBride—Minister of Supply and Development and Munitions;
Mr. H. E. Holt—Minister of Labour and National Service.

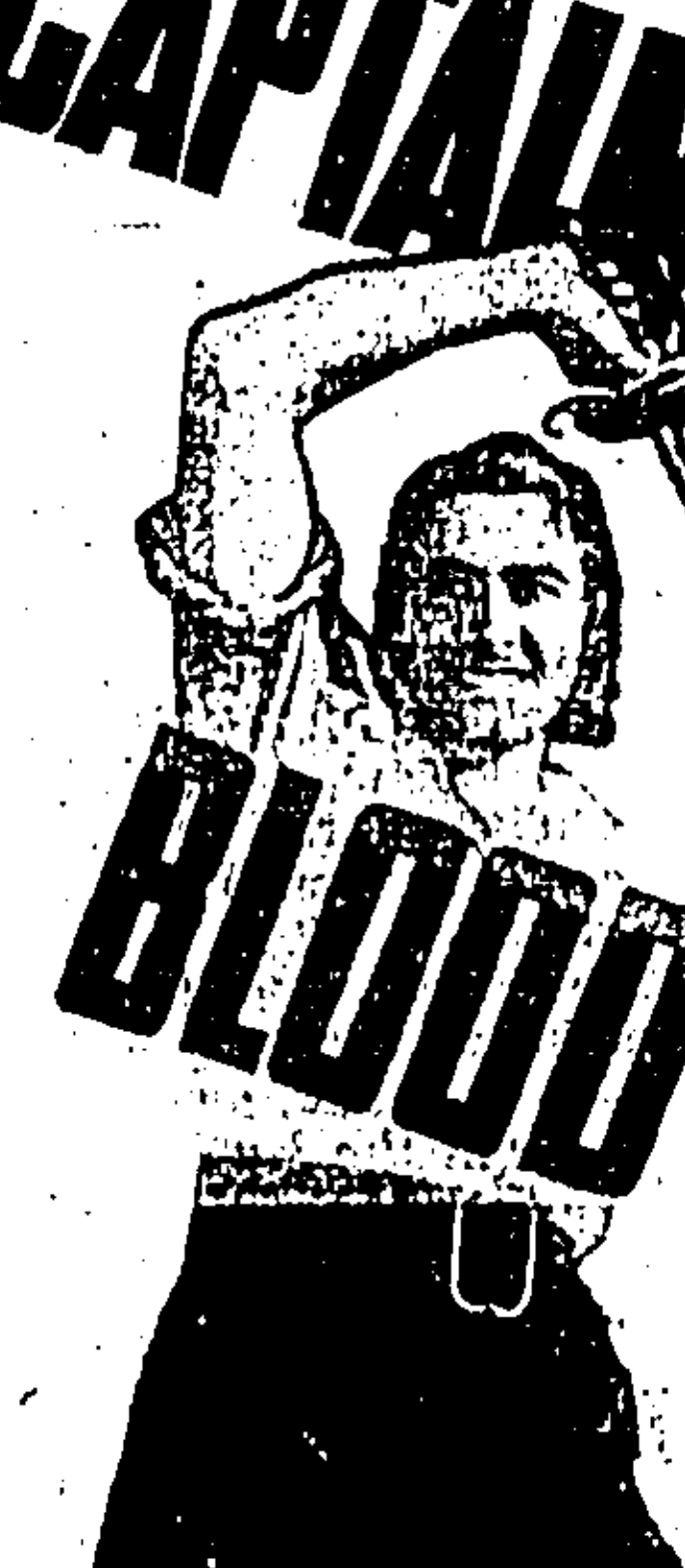
French Captives Encouraged

Pétain Visits Camps
CLERMONT-FERRAND, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—"Your liberation day will not long be delayed," said Marshal Pétain, addressing prisoners of war when he visited the French prisoners' camp at Amboise, according to the "Paris Sol".
After expressing sympathy, Pétain said: "You have perhaps believed that we were not thinking of you. Be patient."

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The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club will be held in the Pavilion, TO-DAY at 5.30 p.m.

A. K. MACKENZIE,
Hon. Secretary.

Sing Tao Lucky To Draw With South China

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nevertheless, this pair of backs played as well as ever, and always had the better of their opponents. Tam Kwan-hon played his usual safe game, and effected a couple of good saves.
It was not the same Sing Tao team that beat the Navy a week ago. Services of Lai Shiu-wing were sorely needed in the forward line. Tsui Ah-fai, playing at centre forward, was not happy in that position, and during the greater part of the game he was wandering about the field. Fung King-cheung did not reveal his old wizardry with his ball control and body swerves. He was well marked by Lam Tak-po and Lee Kwok-wai who, between them, allowed this versatile player very little freedom. Kwok Ying-kie, playing at inside left, besides scoring both goals, was forever on the move. He initiated many of the attacks, but found co-operation not so easily forthcoming. The two wingers were too well watched to be of much use.

Lack Of Understanding

Comparing the intermediate line, I must say that Sing Tao's trio of Lau Tin-sang, Leung Wing-chiu and Soong Ling-sing were not very happy as a combination. There was a lack of understanding between them, and the wing halves allowed their wingers too much rope to roam about the field, with the result that the backs were called upon to do a bigger share of the work. Leung Wing-chiu, playing his first league game of the season, was not quite himself. Perhaps with a man like Lee Tsin-long to watch, he was not able to reveal his best, yet he found time to move and again to get his forwards moving.

But for backs, Hou Yung-sang and L. Tin-sang, Sing Tao would assuredly have lost. Every time South China's success depended on getting past this pair of backs, who worked like Trojan and effected many a dangerous clearance. Cheong Wing-chol had more to do than his opposite number. He was called upon to clear his charges more often than in his other games, and could not help the two goals scored against him. Many a threatening situation was headed by him cleverly.

On the whole, South China had more of the play than their opponents. Whereas they were content with long passes, Sing Tao indulged in too many close passing bouts, with the result that they were often robbed of the ball. Another fault in Sing Tao's defence was that their halves went too far up field. Whenever South China's forwards attacked, they were left standing by back. There was more co-ordination and team play in South China's team than in Sing Tao's. Without Lai Shiu-wing, the Sing Tao forward line was at sixes and sevens.

South China—Tam Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Lee Kwok-wai, Lau Hing-chol, Lam Tak-po, Tse Kam-hung; Tso Kwai-sing, Lee Tak-lee, Lee Wai-tong, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Shek-yau.

Sing Tao—Cheong Wing-chol, Hou Yung-sang, L. Tin-sang; Lau Tin-sang, Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing; Tang Kwong-sun, Fung King-cheung, Tsui Ah-fai, Kwok Ying-kie, Ip Pak-wah.

Austin Road Robberies

Sunday Morning Bag

Several Austin Road residents lost money and property when their flats were entered by thieves yesterday morning.
Mr. Hammond's room at 128 Austin Road, first floor, was entered by some person by means of a duplicate key. Money and jewellery valued at \$150 were stolen.
Mrs. Cassels, of No. 160, lost money and jewellery amounting to \$145, and Mrs. Bruce, of the same address, had a watch stolen, valued at \$15.
The thefts were committed before 9 a.m. yesterday.

China's Southern Transport

Better Road Join Kwang

SHUIKWAN, Oct. 28 (Central News).—Transportation between Kwangtung and Kwangsi has been greatly facilitated by the newly-completed inter-provincial highway for traffic on October 25. The road passes through Shuikwun, Taiy, Kankhien, Hsingkuo, Taiho and Kian.
Large consignments of goods are now transported by trucks between the two provinces.



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Talk From the Studio By Dr. Winifred Cullis

H.K.T.
12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Dohmny—Quartet in D Flat Major, Op. 15.
Fronzeley Quartet.
12.55 Piano Solo by Vladimir Moroz-witz.
Capriccio in F Minor (Dohmny).
1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Hurray Moore at the Piano.
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.
2.15 Close down.
6.0 Chausson—Symphony in B Flat Major, Op. 20.
Orchestre de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire.
6.33 Songs by Hubert Elsdell (Teaser).
6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.45 Arthur Rubinstein at the Piano.
Capriccio in D Minor, Op. 76 (Brahms); Cordoba (Albeniz); Evocation (Albeniz).
7.0 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Topical Talks.
7.30 Dennis Noble (Narrator) and the London Palladium Orchestra.
8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 This week's programmes.
8.07 Studio—A French Recital by Denise Carroll (Soprano) and A. T. Lay (Piano).
1. Dr. Gradus ad Parnassum (from "Children's Corner" Suite—Debussy). A. T. Lay at the Piano.
2. (a) Le Printemps (Reynaldo Hahn); (b) L'Invitation Au Voyage (Duparc). Denise Carroll (Soprano) with Piano; 3. Clair de Lune (from Suite Bergamasque—Debussy). A. T. Lay at the Piano.
4. (a) Cavatine (from "Les Pêcheurs de Lelich"—Bizet); (b) Il est doux, Il est bon (from "Hérodiade"—Massenet). Denise Carroll (Soprano) with Piano; 5. Ballade (Debussy). A. T. Lay at the Piano.
8.45 Studio—Talk: "Alarms and Excursions" by Dr. Winifred Cullis.
9.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.
9.30 A Czechoslovakian Programme with a Talk from the Studio.
10.0 Songs by The Comedy Harmonists.
10.10 Quentin Maclean at the Organ.
Serenade (Heykens); China Doll Parade (Zamenik); Babbling (Maclean).
10.20 Compositions of Richard Strauss.
11.0 Close down.

BERLIN BLASTED:

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big fires were started inside the large factory building.

The Leuna-oil refinery was straddled with sticks of heavy calibre bombs falling across the centre and north end of the plant, causing heavy explosions and oupping at Hamburg.

Docks and shipping at Hamburg were bombed three times while the docks at Cuxhaven and the harbour installations and shipping concentrations at Antwerp, numerous hits were scored.

Details of Damage
LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Reports of widespread damage in Berlin following the city's principal power stations have been further discredited in authoritative quarters here from reliable neutral sources.

Outstanding examples of effective damage of military importance are a great part of the German Army's electrical equipment, severely damaged.

One third of the Loeve electrical factory completely destroyed; half the chemical machinery factory burned down.

The A.E.G. turbine works and the Malg motor depot, badly damaged.

The city's principal power stations have been further discredited by repeated attacks.

Charlottenburg went without gas for two days. Dislocation of the city's railway traffic has increased by damage to the underground which is the most popular means of transport.

One attack destroyed many vehicles in the city's main tram and bus depot.

Heavy Damage Caused
LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—In the raid on Berlin on Saturday night, the R.A.F. attacked aircraft works, an electric power station and goods yards. The oil plants bombed were at Stettin, Leuna and Cologne.

Naval docks at Hamburg, Cuxhaven and Bremen and railway communications at Bremen, Dortmund and Brussels were other targets.

The ports of Flushing and Antwerp, and several aerodromes were again visited.

All these operations were carried out despite poor weather conditions over many target areas. One R.A.F. plane is missing.

Enemy Admissions
LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—British planes attempted to attack towns and industrial plant in North and Central Germany. A hit was scored on one factory killing workmen and damaging the building, says a German communiqué.

Bombs were dropped in Berlin and there, as in the case of another large city, only dwelling houses were damaged. A number of civilians were killed or injured.

The enemy lost nine planes yesterday and four German planes are missing, concluded the communiqué.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London 1/2 3/4
Dentist London 1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai 3/8
T.T. Singapore 5/8 1/2
T.T. Japan 8 1/2
T.T. India 2 1/2
T.T. U.S.A. 45 1/2
T.T. Manila 42 1/2
T.T. Batavia 140 1/2
T.T. Bangkok 90 1/2
T.T. Saigon 90 1/2
T.T. France 90 1/2
T.T. Switzerland 97 1/2
T.T. Australia 1/6 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London 1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London 1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A. 23 1/2
4 m/s France 90 1/2
30 d/s India 84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. 4.03 1/4

Titanic Air Battles Over South England

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Germany's effort. It is recognised that the present pause may only be temporary and that Germany may be preparing a fresh onslaught with redoubled energy, but unless this is the outcome of the Hitler-Pétain agreement, evidence of the past week justifies the belief held by qualified observers that the Luftwaffe's energy will be dispersed over a wider field.

Night Raiding

This has not been the case by day for hitherto Goering has had to rely, since his smashing defeat on September 15, on the use of bomb-carrying fighters, whose effective range is strictly limited, but at night the Luftwaffe is now winging its way over more of England and Wales, and even to some parts of Scotland, seeking new targets.

Island towns in particular have become "Little Londons".

The great sprawling capital still attracts the majority of the night bombing fleet as with the day raiders, primarily because it is so conveniently close to the European bases, but this does not alter the fact that night raids are becoming more widespread.

Worsening of the weather and thickening of the night defences when the weather is fine detracts from the wisdom of making London the sole or even the main target.

Defiant Aircraft

Defiant aircraft which is so un-expected, will revert to the role of night fighter, is yet another type to harry the Nazi planes after dark. The Blenheim has been used for some time and there is evidence that a new American type is suitable for night use.

In raiding over an ever-widening field, especially at night, the enemy is following closely the R.A.F. plan of campaign, which seeks to cripple Germany's war effort with attacks of growing intensity over the widest possible area.

Losses of aircraft and men on either side are fast losing their past significance and unless the present campaign is followed by a dramatic change of tactics, the key to air mastery may well resolve itself into a question of how quickly the R.A.F., with the help of American supplies, can match Germany's strength in bomber planes as Britain is now rapidly overhauling the enemy's total fighter aircraft strength.

German Claims

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Claiming that the Nazi air offensive yesterday was continued with light and heavy bombers accompanied by fighters, on London, South England and the Midlands, an enemy communiqué says that despite fighter and A.A. defences which were strong in some places, important objectives were blasted with bombs.

During last night's bombers continued without interruption their attacks on London and also bombed industrial plant at Birmingham, Coventry and the Port of Liverpool, says the communiqué.

From Norway

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—German bombers from Norway visited aerodromes in north-east Scotland from "a daringly low height," says the German radio.

The announcer said that hits were scored on hangars, barracks and other buildings at Wick while "all aerodrome buildings at Lossiemouth were destroyed."

Attention Centres on Threat to Gibraltar

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that Pétain had to overcome strong resistance within the Government itself.

It is not believed here that Pétain has agreed to active participation of French forces in the war against Britain but it is considered probable that Hitler has gained concessions of strategic importance for the prosecution of the war in the Mediterranean.

Many reports are reaching here indicating the growing anxiety of the French public for a British victory, but beside these must be placed the fact that France is, in effect, an authoritarian State with Laval as the controlling power.

As regards Spain, diplomatic circles here are convinced that General Franco is unwilling to involve Spain in war but he will probably be unable to resist if faced with a choice between voluntarily or involuntarily allowing the German Army to pass through Spain.

ITALO-GREEK TENSION

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sector informed the Italian officer opposite and asked for an interview to ascertain the facts.

Greek Denial

ATHENS, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—A further denial of Italian reports of incidents on the frontier has been issued by a semi-official Greek news agency which says that the reports from Tirana transmitted by the Stefani agency are false.

The Stefani reports said that a Greek armed band had entered Albanian territory and had attacked Albanian posts near Koutiza.

No Greek band has passed the frontier at any point. No band has been formed or could be formed in Greek territory because the Greek military and civil authorities have assured absolute order.

The denial also characterises the reports that a bomb exploded in the office of the Italian Lieutenant at Santi Quaranta and that the Greek authorities are responsible for the incident, as purely infantile invention.

Greek Peace Efforts

SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH

ATHENS, Oct. 27 (UP).—Striving to avert open warfare between Greece and Italy, the Greek Premier, General Metaxas, to-day dispatched "peace missions" to the Albanian frontier.

An official communiqué said Greek and Italian officers met at 4 p.m. but no immediate settlement of the dispute was achieved.

Greek officers have asked for another conference. This request was made because the Italians were represented only by a Second Lieutenant instead of the Italian commander of the border troops where the clash occurred.

A Greek Mission headed by a high military official left Athens after an official Government communiqué had flatly denied the alleged Greek attacks and implied that the fighting occurred between Italian forces and rebellious Albanians.

Critical Situation

(The Italian radio describes the situation as still critical and that the Greek air force is in a "high state of alarm.")

The Athens Government is working against time seeking a peaceful settlement as reports reach here of heavy concentrations of Italian troops on the border and impending "fascist reprisal" action.

General Metaxas this morning received an urgent call by telephone from Rome and for seven hours afterwards telephone communications between Rome and Athens were disrupted or "out of order."

An official communiqué will be issued after a long session of the Government ministers beginning at midnight.

Leaflets Dropped

ROME, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Leaflets containing exhortations in the Albanian language inciting the people to revolt have been dropped in districts of southern Albania to-day by an unidentified aeroplane states a despatch from Tirana to the Stefani agency.

Turkish Delegation

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—A Turkish military delegation left for Greece to-day, according to the Moscow radio.

FRENCH CONGO REVOLT:

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village when the planes came over.

General Weygand is now in North Africa organising a powerful force to be dispatched by air to the relief of the besieged points in an effort to prevent a revolt which would be difficult to suppress.

However, it will be difficult to aid Lambarene which is at least 1,000 miles from the nearest loyalist base.

Continuing the reinforcement of military positions throughout the French Colonial Empire under General Weygand's command, Brigadier General Guillemin, Supreme Commander of French African Forces stationed at Madagascar, will establish headquarters at Tinnarive.

He will replace General Martin as Commander of the island's defence. Yesterday, in a similar move, General Martin was sent to command the defence forces in Indo-China.

De Gaulle's War Government

LONDON, Oct. 27 (UP).—General De Gaulle has proclaimed the creation of a French "War Government" to carry on the war against Germany in repudiation of Marshal Pétain's regime's latest "surrender" to Hitler's demands.

In a broadcast from Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo, General De Gaulle announced the formation of an Empire Council of Defence to lead the French overseas possessions in joining his "Free French" cause.

The creation of the new Council, "having all the duties of a war government," was announced after General De Gaulle's headquarters in London had repudiated Pétain's new "collaboration" agreement with Germany as a "betrayal."

General De Gaulle announced in his broadcast that he assisted the Defence Council to exercise in the French overseas possessions the "powers formerly performed by the Ministers," thus the overseas France of De Gaulle's regime intends to take over the powers claimed by Pétain and the Vichy regime.

Cairo Communique

CAIRO, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—There were severe dust storms in the western desert throughout Saturday.

Reports a G.I.I.Q. communiqué.

In the Sudan and Kenya, British fighting patrols were again active.

Palatine there is nothing to report.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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H.K. Banks	1,230 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	67 n.
Chartered	67 n.
Mercantile	105 n.
East Asia	72 n.

INSURANCE

Canton	175 n.
Union	387 1/2 n.
China Underwriters	150 n.
H.K. Fire	150 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases	125 n.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China P.	100 n.
Indo-China D.	80 n.
Shell (Reapers)	35 n.
Waterboats	60 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	89 1/2 n.
Docks (old)	16 n.
Docks (new)	15 1/2 n.
Providence	4.60 n.
Shai Dockyards	27 1/4 n.

MINING

Kallian s/-	14 n.
Raub s/-	9 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines	1 1/4 cts.

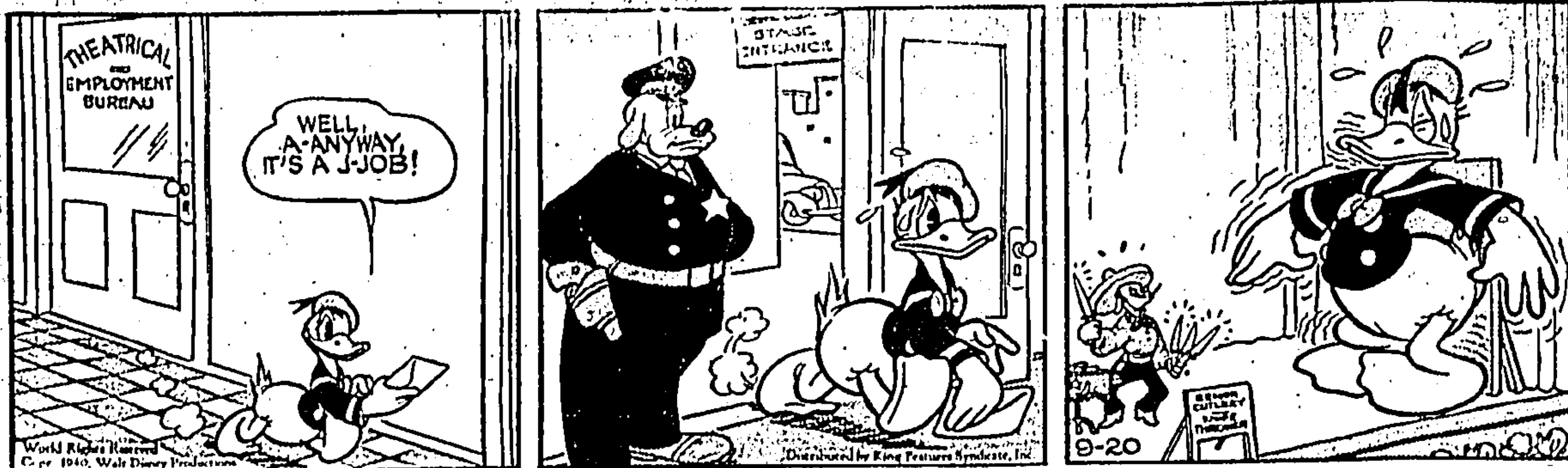
LANDS

Hotels	3.20 n.
Lands	31 s.
Lands (2% Debentures)	100 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	10.70 n.
Humphreys	7.10 n.
H.K. Realities	3.35 n.
Chinese Estates	100 n.

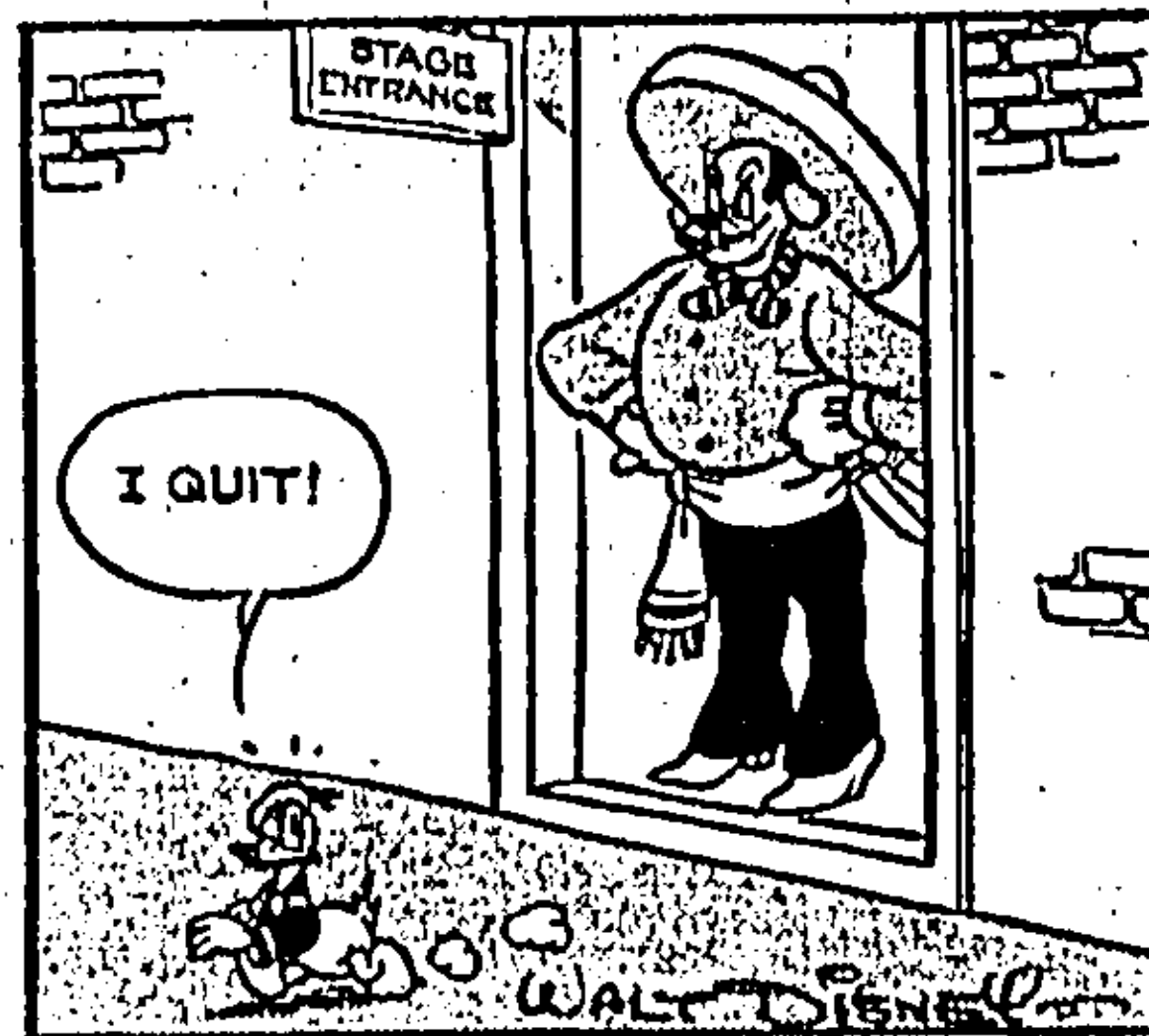
UTILITIES

Trans	15.85 n.
Peak Trams (old)	7.40 n.

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MAGAZINE PAGE

IS THIS HITLER'S PLAN FOR INVASION?

THERE have just appeared in the "New York Herald-Tribune" two articles by "A Diplomat Recently Arrived From Europe," who adopts the pseudonym of Henry L. Moore.

They deal with events in France, Germany and Italy just before Mussolini entered the war; and the second article concludes with an outline of the Axis plan to invade Britain.

Among the statements made during a discussion of happenings before the Italian entry are that it was a speech by Mr. Chamberlain at the beginning of May, in which Britain's unpreparedness was made apparent, which decided Hitler to launch his attack on Holland and Belgium—an attack which, though long worked out by the German General Staff in minutest detail, had been delayed because of Goering's outright opposition and the doubts of Von Braunschweig, Hess and Himmler; that Mussolini, on the eve of the fall of Reynaud's Cabinet, had been sorely tempted by an offer, secretly made by Laval and Flandin, by which he would have secured without fighting for them Tunisia, French Somaliland, Djibouti, and the Ababa Railway, and representation on the governing board of the Suez Canal plus concessions including demilitarisation of Malta which the French would persuade Britain to grant; that the knowledge that Italy was unprepared for war and would risk catastrophe if the conflict were prolonged made Mussolini hesitate until an indig-

"A Diplomat From Europe"
just arrived in the United States has there published what purports to be the inside story of Hitler's invasion of the Low Countries, of Italy's entry into the war, and of a joint Italo-German plan for the invasion of Britain.

nant command accompanied by a promise to satisfy generously all of Italy's longings came from Hitler, whereat the Duce's doubts were cast overboard; and that on hearing that Mussolini had rejected all offers and was entering the war, Francois Poncet, the French Ambassador at Rome, sadly remarked, "This is the first case in history where a country offered the chance to receive all peacefully prefers to fight for it in a war which is dubious as to its outcome."

The author of the article says that the final programme for combined Italo-German action against Britain was mapped out at a secret conference between Hitler and Mussolini in Munich on June 18.

One of its aspects involved pressure upon Franco, designed to bring about Spain's open adherence to the Axis and to secure his assent to the expansion of Mussolini's bases in the Balearics, the renewal of Italian bases in the Canary Isles, the strengthening of Italo-German forces at Tangier, and the eventual utilisation of Ceuta for a joint blow at Gibraltar.

It has been "as yet impossible" to secure more than an ambiguous declaration from

Franco or to supplant him with his amenable brother-in-law Sener. But, says the author, the centre of the entire scheme is the plan for the operations against Britain.

"So far the German people have neither seen nor tasted the fruits of Hitler's victories. The daily bombing raids of the R.A.F. are proving increasingly effective in deepening the moral depression in the Reich. Germans react sharper than other European nationals to warfare over their territory.

"Therefore Hitler must hurry. Without the seizure of the British Isles and the end of the blockade, his present conquest of Europe is fraught with menace to himself. His great victory threatens to degenerate into catastrophe."

Here is the plan for invasion as sketched by this diplomat from Europe: "Wide preparations for invasion have already been made. At Calais and all along the shore, where the English Channel is narrowest super-heavy artillery has been installed.

"In all ports from Antwerp to Boulogne and down to Brest, Nazi troops, told off for invasion, are being concentrated. These include 200,000 Italian troops, transferred here mostly from the army of the Po. A great many small ships are gathered here, also swift cutters and motorised rafts which can take heavy guns and tanks.

"The rafts are able to enter shallow waters and to touch the very shores. Everywhere on the Nazi-occupied Continent, near the waters separating it from England, aerodromes have been built especially for troop-carrying planes. "High speed experiments are being carried out with a new enlarged type of amphibious tank which can be towed over part of its water route. At various points in Germany trials have been made in mass movements of light tanks and cannon by air.

"The plan foresees landing operations of two kinds—feinting and actual. The former category is meant to divert the attention and forces of the British. The Nazi and Russian personnel attempting this task are not expected to survive.

"In actual operations, the Axis is also ready to lose, either in crossing the Channel or on landing, many of the vanguard detachments. However, those who follow the vanguard are expected by the Axis staff to gain a foothold on the English shores and to make possible further landings of infantry, tanks, artillery and all other vital equipment.

"The soldiers who survive the English fire on the first day will thus be the nucleus of a great army made up of a constant stream of reinforcements. Parachute landings are to be effected, parallel to the landings from the sea.

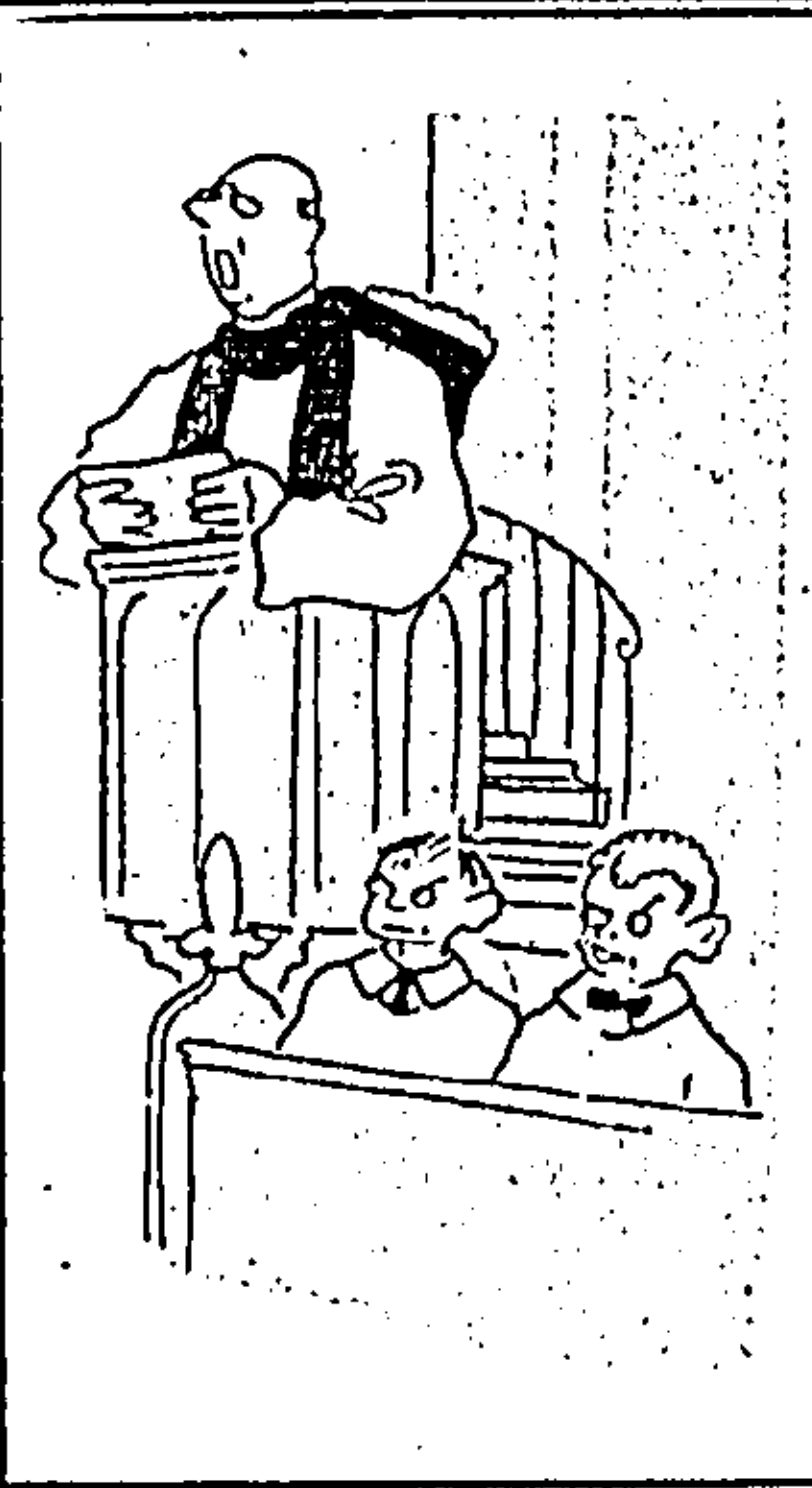
"To this will be added the work of the troop-carrying planes, which are to land thanks to preliminary efforts of dive-bombers and paratroopers. Everything, including gas, will be used by the Axis in this supreme gamble.

"The Italians are expected to be the main cannon fodder of the English in the Channel, the North Sea, and the Bay of Biscay. For this is the time when Mussolini must sacrifice hundreds of thousands of Italian lives, so proving that he is in truth the ally of the Nazi Reich.

"The men participating in the first operations, especially of the feinting type, are considered to be the doornail men. Therefore ninety per cent of them are to be Italians.

"In the subsequent landings the percentage of Germans will grow, while that of Italians will diminish. If the operations succeed, the troops fighting well inland are to be overwhelmingly German.

"If Hitler wins the laurel wreath of victory, Mussolini's share will be but a few dry leaves."



AMERICA'S STRENGTH

By Mack Johnson
United Press Staff Correspondent

United States land, sea and air forces, are now well in excess of 900,000 and intensified recruiting campaigns may soon put the total at 1,000,000 or more.

A survey by the United Press, on August 27, revealed total military and naval forces, including aviation, of 919,807.

Under the conscription measure passed by Congress, the army proposes to draft 400,000 men between 21 and 31 years by Jan. 1, 1941, and another 300,000 in April. The President recently signed legislation empowering him to order out the National Guard and reserve officers.

The latest statistics on strength of the services show:

	Enlisted Men	Officers Total
Navy	143,747	10,769
Marines	20,083	1,091
Navy Reserves (X)	40,336	40,336
Marine (X)	15,076	15,076
Army	229,000	14,000
National Guard	223,000	15,000
Army Reserve Officers	120,000	120,000
Enlisted Reserve	17,500	17,500
Totals	759,644	161,163

(X)—Includes officers on which specific figures unavailable.

Although all are at peace-time level, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and National Guard are below authorized strengths. The Army's goal is 375,000 men, and is receiving more than 30,000 new recruits each month. The National Guard's authorized strength is 235,000 men.

The Navy, which accepted 9,089 recruits during July, has an authorized strength of 170,000 men. It is planning to expand training centres at Great Lakes, Ill., Norfolk, Va., Newport, R.I., and San Diego, Calif., to meet expansion for a "two ocean" navy.

These stations have been training about 5,000 men per month but will be expanded to handle 7,000 by Oct. 1, and 10,000 by Jan. 1, 1941.

The Marines have nearly reached their authorized strength of 32,000 men. They recruited 7,193 during July.

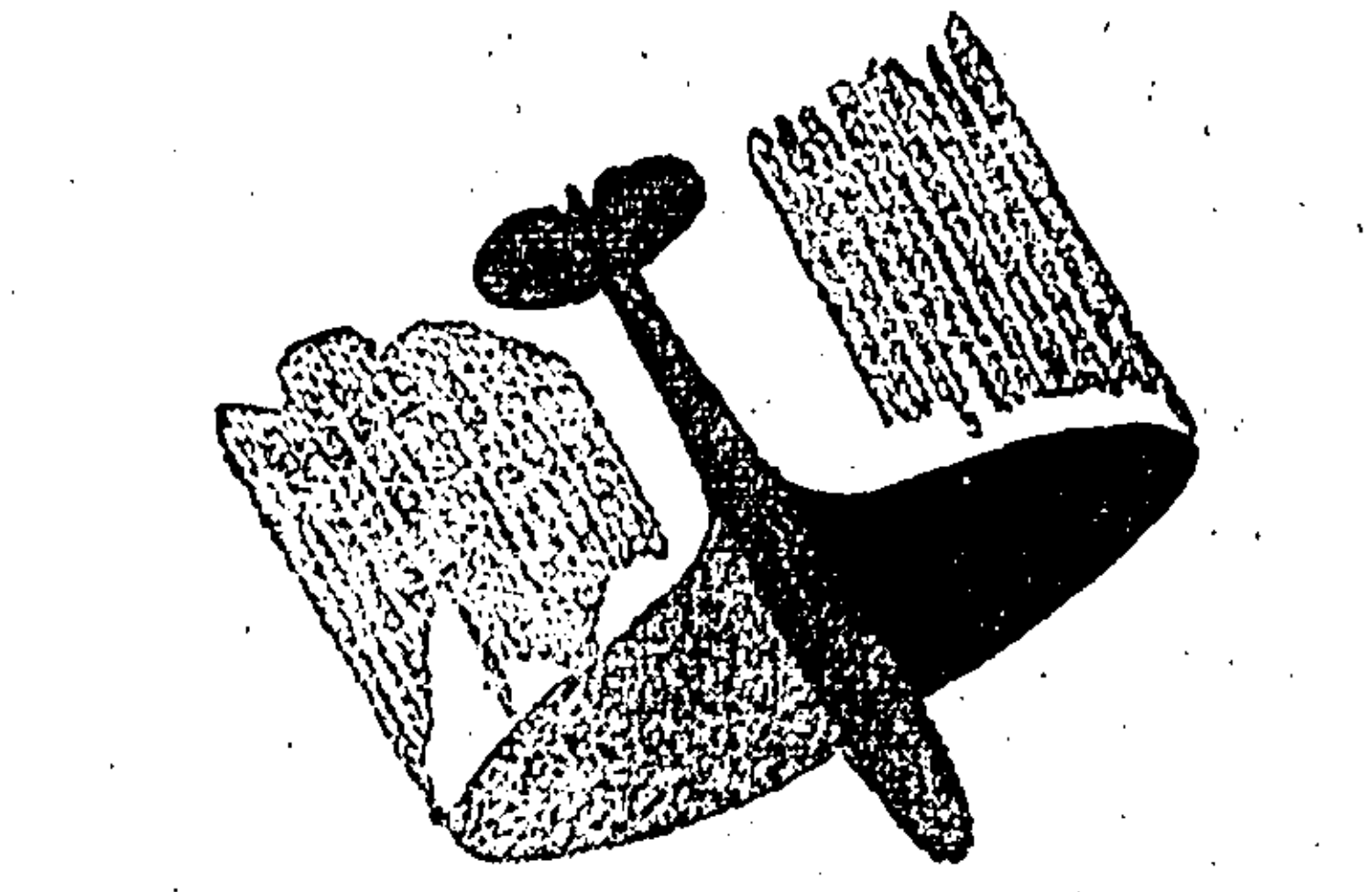
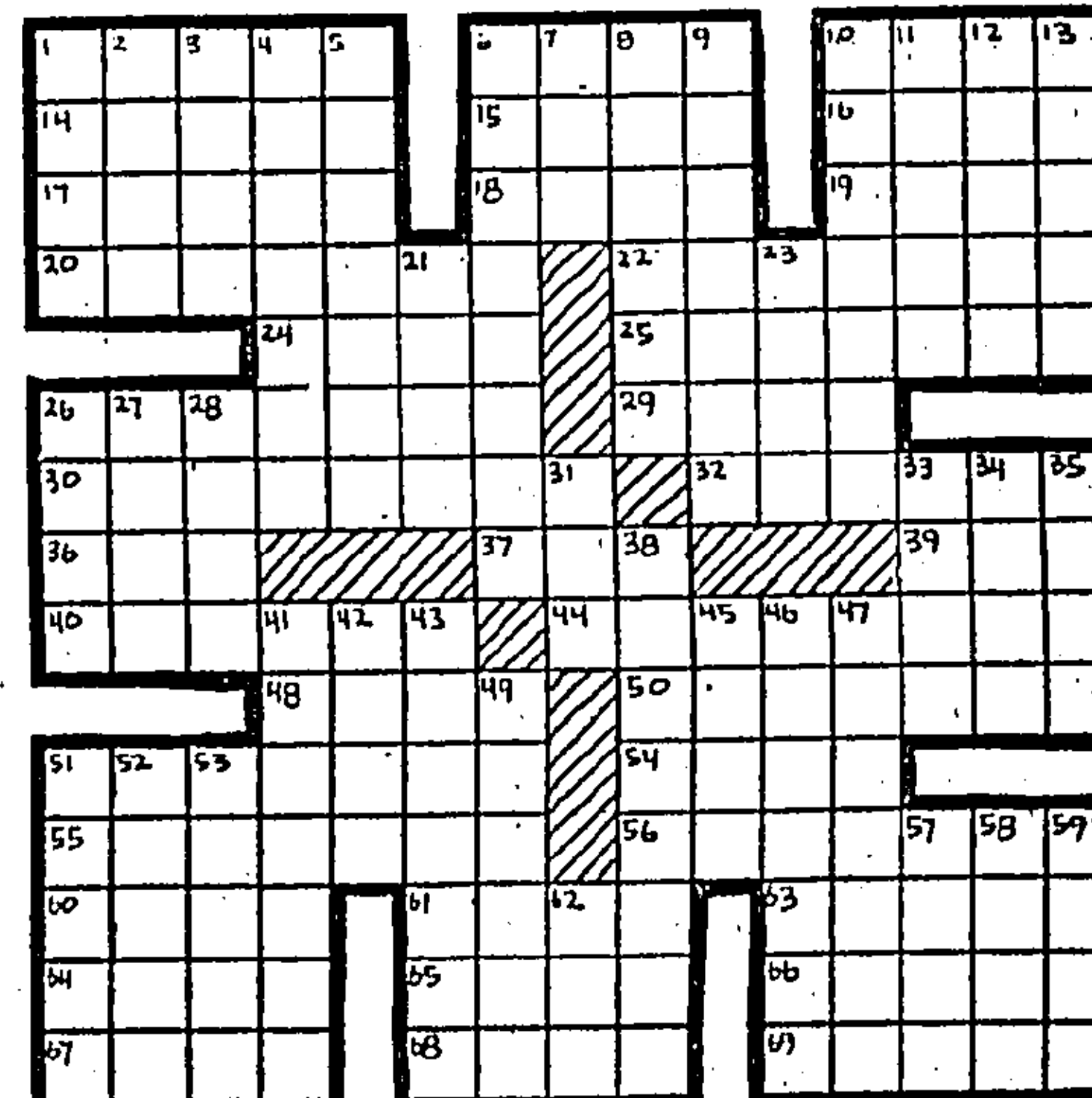
War Department and budgetary officials are working out details of the cost of the projected National Guard mobilization and conscription programmes. It was estimated that congress probably would be asked to appropriate about \$1,395,000,000 for the 935,000 guardsmen, reserve officers, and draftees, who would see service during the current fiscal year ending July 1, 1941, if present plans are approved. It was estimated that it would cost about \$1,450 for each person drafted on the basis of the \$21 monthly basic pay of enlisted men.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS
1—Block of glacier ice
2—North African Arab
3—Black Australian
4—Cocktail
5—"Lie" in two
6—Not a nobleman
7—Part that rotates
8—Shower
9—Electrical protective
10—Tool for granting
11—Self-centered people
12—Lateral boundary
13—Coal-mine trucks
14—Leafy vegetable
15—Arctic marine
16—Donkey
17—Law-bringer
18—Hard water
19—Personification of
20—Justice
21—Fairy vernal
22—In bed
23—Money-lenders
24—Circumstances
25—Respiratory organ
26—Traveling bag
27—Negroid race of
28—Zionism
29—Ten cents
30—Less common

DOWN
1—Rodents
2—Excited emotionally
3—Lied
4—Premeditated killer
5—Anglo-disco, money
6—Culotte
7—City in Burma
8—One who pollutes
9—Sustained
10—Foggy
11—Garden of Paradise
12—Palmyra leaf
13—Indian mountain
14—Pine
15—Eruptive
16—Gaelic
17—Large size
18—Fruit of maple
19—Lentils
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In Germany the targets included the docks at Kiel and Wilhelmshafen, the transformer station at Kelsterbach, near Frankfurt, the Messerschmitt factory at Augsburg, oil tanks and supply depots at Mannheim, and secret aerodromes. In Italy the Fiat works at Turin and the Marcelli Magneto factory at Sesto San Giovanni were again attacked. In enemy-occupied France oil tanks in the Gironde Estuary near Bordeaux, at Pauillac, near Brest and at Cherbourg were bombed.

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The Last Stand of Jock Evans

By ROBERT J. CASEY

HOTSPOT, Southeast England, Sept. 17.—In the larger matters of threatened invasion by aerial bombs and artillery fire people have given little thought to Jock Evans upon whose thin breast nobody will ever pin any medals even posthumously.

He will never have a public funeral with muffled drums, muted trumpets and such like tokens of civic gratitude. It is most unlikely that he will ever have any funeral at all.

The future historian looking over this war with the proper perspective, without worry about his own comfort or his own skin, may consider this unimportant. But from where this observer sits in the rockpile at the end of the trajectory, Jock Evans seems something more than one man who may have been over-hercule and over-stubborn at the same time.

So far as concerns the elements that have made England to date, he was an architect's model for the spirit of the British Empire.

Jock Evans, to get on with it, was in his most recent career, an Air Raid Precautions warden. In a year's drill in how to put on the gas

mask, how to revive fainting women, how to direct people to the nearest shelter, he would never have shown more than ordinary aptitude.

In the years before the war he had done nothing to distinguish himself. He had some sort of dock job where the dust hadn't been too good for his lungs. Because of bad eyes and other deficiencies, he had been rejected for military service even at the end of the last war when medical examiners hadn't been so particular.

Jock Evans was on duty the night the big crump fell in the garden by the crossroads.

He had been on duty most nights in the past month, with seldom an all-clear. He had phoned to the central control at 11 p.m. that he had seen a bright light somewhere. His superiors, remembering Jock, suspected it might be somebody with a too bright cigar.

He had stationed himself near the telephone kiosk on the edge of an outlying suburb where the artillery shells still land each day when the town is shelled. He had had no occasion to move from his post at midnight when the big crump fell.

The big crump was a time bomb—and a big one.

He told this to his chief in his report a minute later.

"Where is it?" inquired his chief.

"In the garden," said Jock.

Then the order "Get people out, empty nearby houses, and keep people away."

"Yes sir," said Jock Evans.

There have been some hints that in what followed after his report to Control, Jock didn't show any great judgment, but the same might have been said of Dewey if he had run into a mine in Manila Bay.

Follows His Orders
Jock followed out his orders. In less than an hour he had evacuated the few homes in the immediate vicinity. Then he stationed himself to warn off traffic.

There wasn't much to do until about 7 in the morning when workers and sightseers began to

pass about, on bicycles, and in automobiles. The odd feature of a community which is being continuously bombed is the incalculative lethal hazards. Jock Evans suddenly found himself alone in a two-man job. The bomb lay almost at the junction of two lanes, giving access to it from four directions.

Mr. Evans solved this problem, as best he could. He roped off the street 100 yards behind the bomb, then took up his post at the middle of the crossing.

Dozens of persons heard and heeded his call during the next two hours—"time bomb here, keep away, keep away." One of those who passed was the priest of the neighbourhood Anglican Church, to whom is owing the best description of Jock Evans' last stand.

"My Duty Is To Stay"
"He hardly needed to point out the bomb," said the padre. "It was lying there in a grass plot right behind him, and it was evident he knew all about it. His face was white and drawn, but there wasn't any tremor in his voice.

"I had told him to get away from the corner, block off the streets with ropes. But he said, 'My duty is to stay here. Please, go on, sir. Don't set a bad example.' I went to telephone for help."

The bomb went off at 9:10, blew a crater 40 feet wide. No trace has been found of Evans.

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DEATH

ALVES.—On October 28, 1940, Theresa Maria Vieira, aged 2½ years, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Alves. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day. (Singapore, Macau, Shanghai and Manila papers please copy).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

Monday, Oct. 28, 1940.

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AXIS—Round and Round

IT is interesting to speculate on the possibilities of Hitler's grand diplomacy in Europe to-day for it gives us a glance at the enormous difficulties that lie behind moves which are apt to seem terrifying to us on the Allied side if we allow the mere bulk of the pro-Axis or Axis-influenced world to dominate our thoughts.

Should Hitler's dream come true, Spain and France will turn offensive weapons on the British Isles to make a complete and hostile wall of European nations about us—with the exception of Portugal whose influence on our behalf would be negligible with such powerful enemies behind her.

It may be that Spain has been promised the restoration of Portugal to the old empire of Castile if that staunch little ally should prove an impediment to total warfare conducted from the entire Iberian Peninsula. If such a bargain has not yet been struck, maybe it is because Germany doesn't want to see another disposition of Colonies until she is better equipped to share the race.

The actual effect of a successful Hitler diplomacy would not add greatly to the weight of attack that Britain has to sustain. French or Spanish troops would hardly fight with vigour against the Allies because for one reason they don't want to fight anybody now and secondly because their grievances against the Allies are more theoretical than real. Their fleets and air forces are not considerable.

Germany already has all the bases in France that she needs for her raids on England. If she had Spanish help in launching an attack on Gibraltar, and if that attack were successful, the British fleet would not greatly mind being "trapped" in the Mediterranean. They would still have to be wiped out and neither Italian warships nor German bombers could bring that to pass.

A battle of infantry would have to be fought and a logical scene for such a battle—discounting an invasion of Great Britain—would be North Africa. Happily we have had time to prepare our plans.

The Balkans have long been a melting pot of policies, racial warfare and commercial juggling. The so-called adherence to the Axis of Hungary and Rumania, the hesitation of Yugoslavia and the trepidation of Yugo-Slavia need not worry us much now. Hitler has exposed their fundamental weaknesses; he will find it much more difficult to pour them into the Axis mould.

With Turkey and Russia standing grimly expectant on the artificial frontiers, Hitler must be careful not to strain his new found allies. They represent so much dead weight and are likely to do so for some time. Greece is a different matter, but it is certainly unlikely that any ultimatum to this plucky little country will be accepted without a fight in which the British Navy would help to give the Axis a metallic and complete answer.

I'VE SEEN MY FIRST AIR RAID

By IRIS CARPENTER

Iris Carpenter is a well-known London journalist. She is married, with two children, and lives in south-east England. During the first phase of the air war against Britain she was at home when an air battle blazed into life above her. Despite the horror and noise of it all she recorded what she saw and felt. Her description of the battle is as vivid as anything that has so far been written by observers of war, 1940.

I've seen my first air raid. Taken cover in my shelter from necessity instead of caution.

I've filled with experience the fabric of imagination concerning those graphic phrases we've read so often these past months.—Roar of guns... Thud of bombs... Scream of 'planes... Chatter of machine guns!

I've wondered so often what it would all be like if the threat should ever materialise to make the bit of sky above "our" bit of the world black with menace. If Death should ride some moonlight night or some bright sunny morning, over "our" garden. Somehow I never thought it would.

Never thought that with all its dread insistence this war would ever hurl itself at little insignificant bits of my world like my little shopping area, my bit of road, the fields and woods where my children play. It seemed so silly that anything so big could ever be so small and personal.

But that's the way it is.

To-day I've picked up scores of machine gun bullets from my lawn and among my roses. A Dornier bomber flew across my garden no higher than the trees which fringe it. I could see each member of the crew clearly enough to distinguish features.

The first of the dozen bombs dropped created a large crater behind our garden. The plane itself is split over the field from which earlier in the morning we had gathered blackberries for our luncheon pie.

We had just served luncheon when the sirens wailed. There was nothing to tell us that the warning would herald anything more exciting than previous ones had done. Twice we had heard distant gunfire. Once nothing at all—not even the drone of an airplane.

The children—I have a daughter of ten and a son of nine—were hungry.

"Let's take lunch down to the shelter," they suggested. Each carrying a plate of roast beef and vegetables (yes, we still have roast beef in Britain) and one of blackberry pie and cream we walked through the garden to our first underground meal.

The drone of aircraft as we went through the garden was very great. "Must be our craft off to attack" we thought. Little dreaming they were German planes passing right over our heads in waves. We could not see them. In a deep blue cloudless sky they were at such a height as to be invisible to the naked eye.

We had settled with some amusement to the intricacy of balancing a plate on our knees and were half way through the beef. The shelter door was open to give us fresh air as long as possible. The highest note I have ever heard, like a fiddle string at breaking point, began in a whisper.

In far less than a second of time it had become the most ear-splitting and horrifying noise I have ever heard. I know it instinctively for what it was—a plane hurtling through the sky to destruction. It made me, in the utter and complete meaning of that graphic American expression, "sic in the stomach."

Oddly, it didn't occur to me that it could be an English plane. I said: "Poor, poor beggar" and "Oh God, how horrible," as I saw him plunge—smoke pouring in a fantastic feather plume

against the blue sky, in a long drawn scream to earth.

The silence following the crash came sharp as the jolt with which one falls off a cliff in a dream. Silence broken almost before it fell by the same ghastly noise again... and again... and again.

I had broken the rule of all honourable and law abiding citizens: without realising it. Instead of remaining safely under cover, I found myself standing at the top of the steps leading down to the shelter. Mother instinct, however, had made me shut the shelter door.

Drama streaked towards me from every part of the sky. Right above my house a Spitfire and a Messerschmitt banked and dived and spat fire at one another in the first dog-fight I have ever seen. Three other planes joined them in a flash—whether British or German it was impossible to say.

The noise was deafening. Yet, however loud the roar of engines and the scream of diving planes became, nothing seemed to cover the sharp rattle of machine guns as burst after burst clattered over the sky. One, two, three planes streaked away, smoke pouring from them. "Mustn't think they'll all crash," I said. "They may be putting up a smoke screen to get away."

Dive bombers, machine-gunning the roads, added to the inferno and made me run quickly down the steps of the shelter. I got a good view from the bottom, with a margin of safety from behind the parapet of sandbags with which the entrance to the shelter is protected.

There was a roar like thunder behind me as a huge Dornier came slowly over the trees, following the railway line which runs beside our garden. A Spitfire screamed out of the sky in a four-hundred-mile-an-hour dive right over him. Fired a staccato burst, soared to engage a Messerschmitt which had come down after him to the bombers' protection. Together these two wheeled in a drumming crescendo of noise away out of sight over the trees.

More Spitfires appeared magnificent in their ruthless and spectacular tenacity as a shattering crump throbbed its way up from the ground... right up through my bones to bump my stomach. So far underground that was the most I could feel physically of the concussion of the first bomb I heard fall on my native land.

A dozen came down in quick succession. I experienced sadness for brave men who must die, horror at the manner of their dying, admiration for the courage of the pilots in the nerve-rendering excitement of air combat.

These had cleared thought of the dread purpose of it all, which was to drop those monstrous missiles so as to harrow the soil and numb the heart; to hurt people, ordinary people who have done nothing to deserve it, to hurt them dreadfully, to break up their bodies and split open their homes.

With the bombing over, every-thing seemed to stop for a little while. I went into the shelter to see how the children were, to

"THE DESTROYERS COME TO SAVE"

By "Strategicus"

In the state of uneasy waiting into which the war has drifted the welcome addition of the re-conditioned destroyers from the United States mark a significant change. They are of course old types; but very similar to one of the classes of British destroyers which has done excellent work. They are gunned sufficiently and have an anti-aircraft defence that will protect them against a menace which has arisen since they last saw active service. Their number can best be measured by the reflection that they represent almost thirty per cent. of the destroyer strength with which Britain entered the war.

It is not so obvious, that this reinforcement will appreciably affect the military situation. Clearly it must increase the difficulties of any attempted invasion; and this is the purpose of Germany's present activity against Britain.

The plethora of air-raids can have no other explanation. They attempt to destroy the Royal Air Force by bombing its aerodromes and the aeroplane factories. But the destruction of the Royal Air Force is only a means to a further end, the invasion and destruction of Britain.

From the first Germany has been under the necessity of seeking a speedy decision and for some months it has been obvious that only the destruction of Britain will yield it. But there has recently risen above the horizon a new factor which makes the need of a decision even more imperative.

Goebbels and Hitler have made it clear that the British air offensive, which for so long they affected to ignore, is really injuring Germany in material as well as in morale.

To check this offensive Hitler recognises he must defeat Britain. He has found it impossible to force back the Royal Air Force concentration sufficiently far from the coast to secure a chance of landing an expeditionary force under cover of his Air Force, cross-Channel guns and small naval vessels; and in any case he would have to deal with the Navy.

Gloomy before, the outlook is now almost completely forbidding. It has been admitted that the surrender of France gravely changed the naval situation; and even when the French capital ships were dealt with, the shortage of smaller craft remained a handicap.

That shortage has now to a considerable extent been made

find them playing the gramophone, unaware of all that had been going on over their heads. My son was indignant at being kept "cooped up." "If this is going on," he said, bitterly, "there might just as well not be any raids at all."

A friend came in from next door with a cup of tea. She has an electric kettle in her shelter and can accordingly provide hot drinks there at any hour of the day or night.

We had just started gratefully to drink it when a fresh fight developed with the arrival of another Dornier. Again it was only just above the trees, coming towards us and losing height so rapidly it seemed that it must crash into the garden. Actually it came down about a quarter of a mile away—in the blackberry field. It was the plane which a platoon of Home Guards brought down with rifle fire from their post a little way up the road.

All around us to-day is strewn evidence of the price the Nazi Air Force paid. One bomber wrecked itself and the peace of our churchyard. Another littered the gardens of the group of cottages in which our gardener lives. There are dozens of others within a few miles' radius.

My greengrocer and the man who serves my meat captured the crew of one plane. They showed me the plane's camera.

When it was all over, my mind was tense, packed with every emotion to create... hate. Hate such as I never dreamed I could experience for the things that had been done in this little district I call "home." To people I know... vehement, searing hate against the regime that can cause these things to happen. Insignificant, puny hate when I come to set it against the vast canvas of the war, but important when I come to reflect how many other ordinary unimportant women are hating too, just as vehemently... and saying as I am: "No one is going to get away with this sort of thing."

good, and the risks of invasion are to that extent increased. The appreciation of this fact may drive Germany to chance her luck at once. In any case the weather will begin to deteriorate in a few weeks' time; and the prospect of the reinforcement of the destroyer force may persuade her to strike at once if she means to strike at all.

There is, however, another direction in which the reinforcement will be even more welcome. The Service commanders do not fear the invasion; but it has to be admitted that the lack of a sufficiency of smaller naval vessels has had an appreciable effect upon the shipping losses.

Figures for the eight weeks since the capitulation of France are now available, and those of the second four weeks show a decrease of thirteen per cent. in sinkings. They are still too heavy for comfort. It was of course, inevitable that losses should increase. Germany is now in possession of the Dutch, Belgian and French Atlantic ports; the French fleet is no longer available and the Italian fleet at least compels the Royal Navy to divide its forces. These factors were bound to have their effect; and indeed it is incredible that the losses have not risen more.

During the last four weeks the weekly sinkings have twice been over 70,000 tons; but on one occasion they were as low as 30,000. Though they naturally vary and though Britain is now in control of more shipping tonnage than at the outbreak of the war, the losses are serious in view of the wide and widening range of uses to which the shipping has now to be put.

That effective steps are being taken to keep the sinkings within bounds can be gathered from the fact of thirteen per cent. in the last four weeks as compared with the preceding period. Little more could be done without an increase in strength of the destroyer force.

The destroyers will also improve the situation in the Mediterranean. Capital ships owe their security very largely to the smaller craft which attend them when they leave ports; that is they owe their effective mobility to cruisers and destroyers.

Everyone recognises the desirability of bringing the elusive Italian Navy to battle; but this is by no means easy, in so great a sea as the Mediterranean, particularly when Italy, despite losses, still has a large number of submarines at her disposal.

The great enemy of the submarine is the destroyer. With its modern detecting apparatus and great speed the destroyer can pick up and trace the submarine to its hiding place; and when that is accomplished the submarine's days are over.

The United States destroyers, in giving the Mediterranean fleet greater mobility, will greatly increase its chance of bringing the Italian fleet to action. No one in Britain has any doubt about the result of any such clash; and the effect of an Italian defeat would be immediately felt over the eastern Mediterranean.

Even apart from a defeat, any increase of the British Navy in this area, especially in the faster craft, will improve its patrolling power, and to that extent increasingly restrict the radius of action and influence of the Italian Navy.

On paper this is a strong and efficient fighting force; and while it is undefeated and retains a certain amount of liberty every State which borders the Mediterranean must feel its influence.

No one knows what Italy means by her bullying of Greece. Her manoeuvres in Syria are similarly a matter of mere speculation. But her broad design is to break British power in the Near East.

The British naval concentration in that area is quite sufficient to deal with the Italian Navy. But with this new increase in strength it will be able to forbid any hope of profiting by the attempted seizure of ports in Greece and make a land offensive valueless.

It will have its effect even on the East of Africa where the recent advance in Kenya shows that Italy means to exploit her nuisance value to the full.

The effect upon the morale of Italy and its influence upon neutrals must also be taken into account. At one stroke the war situation everywhere has been changed. Even where the change is slight it is significant; and in several directions it must be very considerable.

Norwegians Restless Under Quislings

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Anti-Quisling demonstrations and sabotage at Bergen have resulted in the introduction of a limited state of siege with a "dusk to dawn" curfew, according to reports.

Two people were killed and many injured in one demonstration outside premises commanded by the Quisling National Assembly movement where feeling ran particularly high.

Despite police reinforcements, the reports add, German troops have been frequently compelled to intervene.

It is stated that local leaders of this movement have now taken over municipal administration. There has been much sabotage, an example being the spoiling of a consignment of fish intended for Germany. Many persons have been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment at trials in camera for alleged offences ranging from tearing down posters to giving information to a foreign Power on internal conditions in Norway.

Several Killed

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 27 (UP).—Several persons are reported to have been killed and others injured during the clashes at political meetings recently at Bergen.

Press reports from Oslo say that the riot was aimed against the Nazi Party representatives, who are said to have taken over the normal administration of the whole Bergen province—backed up by German troops and police.

Arrests have reached wholesale proportions. Some have been found guilty of espionage.

FOG IMPEDES RAIDERS

CHUNGKING, Oct. 28 (Central News).—A heavy fog impeded Japanese air bombings over Szechwan yesterday.

Two enemy squadrons of 21 and 15 machines respectively flew into the province. Owing to poor visibility, the raiders failed to locate their objectives and dumped bombs indiscriminately at two undisclosed places. All the missiles landed in open fields causing no damage except a few craters.

Most Bombed Envoy Of U.S. Is Kennedy

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (UP).—Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the United States most bombed Ambassador, returned here to-day aboard the Yankee Clipper to report to President Roosevelt of the effect of the war against Britain.

He said he would not make any statements prior to meeting the President.

ADVICE TO CZECHS

Urged To Hold On Longer

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—A definite transformation of all military operations next spring was promised his people by Dr. Edouard Benes, the Czechoslovak President, in a special broadcast to-night on the eve of the 22nd anniversary of their National Independence Day.

The absolute failure of all German attempts to invade England, the almost insupportable losses the Germans have suffered in their aerial adventures, the impenetrable blockade of Germany which will be ever more intensified by growing British air superiority—all these, Dr. Benes said, will lead, next spring, to a definite transformation of all military operations.

Internal troubles in Germany and German-occupied countries will do the rest. Referring to recent German attempts to persuade Czechoslovaks to organise meetings to profess expressions of loyalty so that the world might suppose they are ready to collaborate with the Reich, Dr. Benes warned his people not to yield to this pressure.

"Keep Out" Warning

To Americans

ROME, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—A warning to Americans to keep out of European concerns was uttered by the Duke of Pistoia in a speech to Black Shirts to-day at Turin.

He said that it was only right that Americans should control their own continent but it was not right that they should meddle in affairs which concerned only Europeans. "America for Americans and Europe for Europeans," said the Duke, who also declared that the "rule of gold and raw materials must be ended for ever and must be replaced by the people, who produce, and labour."

Canadian Securities Help War

Millions Involved

LONDON, Oct. (Reuter).—A large group of Canadian securities, running into many millions of sterling, has been transferred to the Treasury by orders made under the Defence Regulations.

Two orders affect the Grand Trunk perpetual 4 per cent. consolidated debenture stock, a sterling issue of which there is about £24,500,000 outstanding and on which interest is interest guaranteed by the Government of Canada, while a third order deals with some 60 issues of Canadian railways and Canadian companies payable solely or optionally in Canadian dollars.

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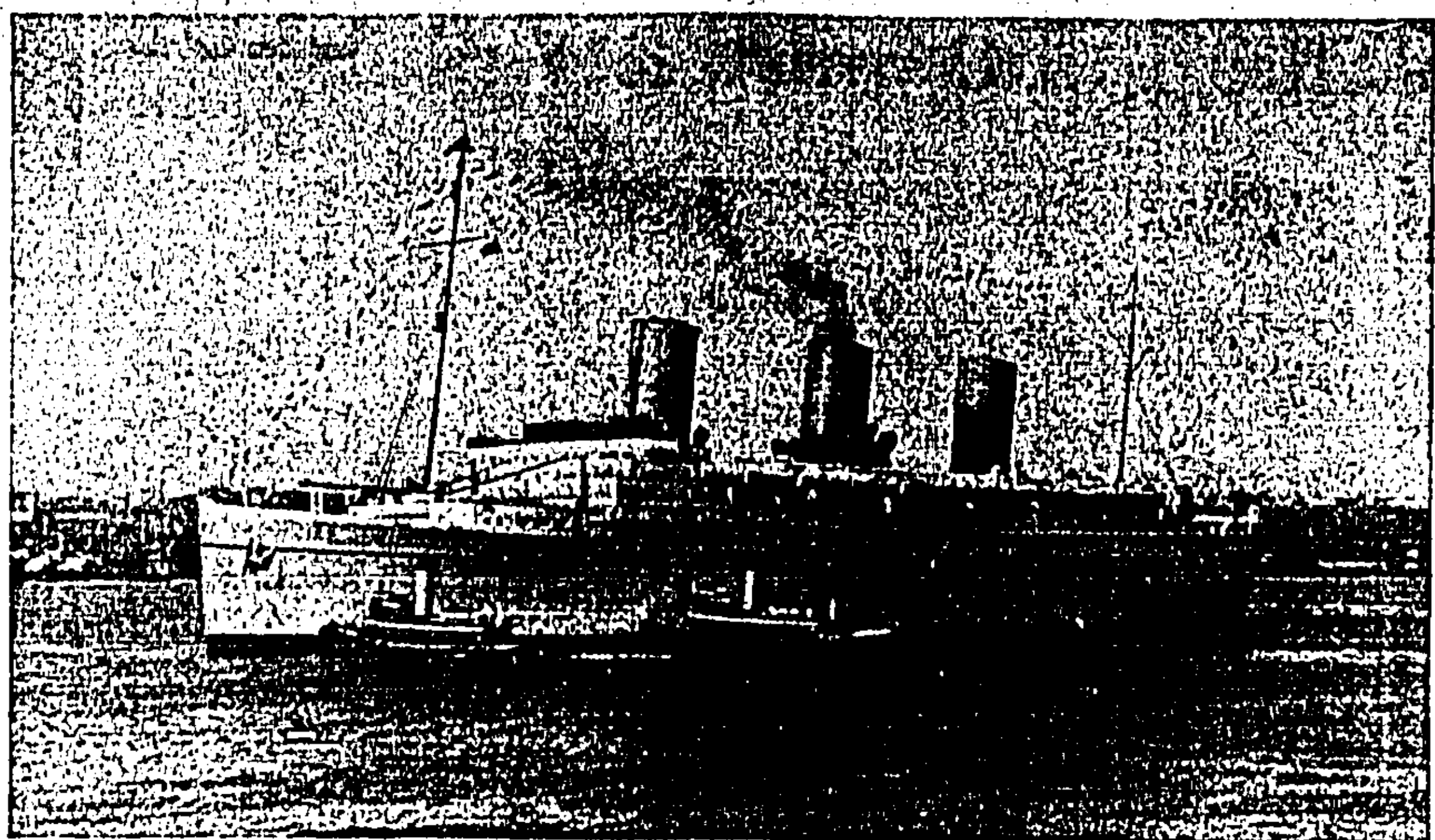
The securities were vested in the Treasury on Saturday and first payments on them will be made on November 26. Owners of the securities affected are asked to deliver them forthwith to the Bank of England. Payment will be made in sterling in London after delivery is completed.

Benefit War Bonds

It is hoped that a substantial part of the money involved will be transferred to war bonds. In order to facilitate the arrangement for subscription of this money, the Bank of England will accept subscriptions for national war bonds of \$100 or any larger sums in multiples of one penny and the Post Office will accept (subject to a maximum of £1,000). For defence bonds subscription must be for £5 or a multiple thereof, and no person may at any time hold defence bonds exceeding £1,000.

EMPERESS OF BRITAIN HIT, SAYS BERLIN

BERLIN, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—A German High Command communique states that the Empress of Britain, which it described as a troopship, was attacked 60 miles west of Ireland, and was hit by a heavy bomb and caught fire, the crew taking to the boats.



AMERY SUMMARISES HITLER'S WAR MACHINATIONS

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—"The Battle of Britain may not be over, but its issue, I believe, is already decided," said Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for India, in an address to-day. "The Battle of the Empire comes next," he continued, "Frustrated in the attempt to destroy our Commonwealth by one blow at its heart, Hitler will try to achieve his purpose by striking at the next vital point, namely our hold on the Mediterranean, our lifeline to the East, and particularly our position in Egypt and Palestine on both sides of the Suez Canal."

"If he could drive us out of there he could hope not only to secure the oil of Iraq, the cotton of Turkey and Egypt, but more important still, he could transport them by sea through the ports of his allies or vassals."

"He would have broken through our blockade and be in a position to threaten India and British Africa at close quarters."

"It is in the light of these aims that we must look at what has been happening in Burma; what lies behind the conference that Hitler has been holding with Franco and Petain. "Where and how the attempt is to be made we cannot yet judge but it is up to us to beat it off as we have beaten off the attempt on this island. Then at last the time will come to turn the tables on our enemies and begin our own offensive."

Other Offensive

Continuing Mr. Amery said England was not alone in its struggle against the Dictators. "It is not to this country alone that Hitler will have to look for forces that will gather together to encompass his downfall." "At this moment a conference is assembled at Delhi of representatives of the Empire, east and south of Suez, to consider how the resources of all their territories can best be developed and mutually matched 'in order to produce the greatest volume of striking power in future."

"That is an immensely significant event in history. As Mr. Churchill said, it is calling into being—a new world of armed strength to redress the balance of old."

Second Waterloo

After pointing out that the British air force will continue to cripple Germany's resources at home, Mr. Amery said: "In one sense, we settled the issue of the Napoleonic wars at Trafalgar, but it took another ten years before that victory was finally made good at Waterloo. We can hope, thanks to our growing air power, that Hitler's Waterloo will come much more swiftly and no less conclusively."

Referring to war aims, Mr. Amery declared: "We wish to see established for others principles which we believe fundamental to civilisation. We wish to see established in Europe elementary rights of justice and freedom for individuals; the right of minorities to be respected by the majorities, and of small nations to live in peace side by side with the greater ones—to see co-operation take the place of anarchy."

"Meanwhile, our first task in the words of Pitt is to save ourselves by our exertions and Europe by our example."

Cold Kills Many Shanghai Homeless

CHUNGKING, Oct. 27 (Central News).—The sudden cold wave in Shanghai brought the number of deaths to about 500 yesterday. Most of these who died of hunger and cold were paupers.

CABINET TO MEET

Laval Continues To Weave Web

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" VICHY, Oct. 27 (UP).—Marshal Petain has called a meeting of the French Cabinet for 5 p.m. on Monday instead of to-day, thus leaving time to prepare further reports on the political conversations of the past week.

Armed with the Government's approval of the principle of Franco-German collaboration, however, M. Laval to-day prepared for an early resumption of the negotiations for elaborate political and economic collaboration.

M. Laval was in conference this morning with M. Georges Bonnet who was French Foreign Minister when war was declared, but who did his utmost to obtain British approval of Mussolini's offer to try at the last minute to intervene with Hitler to save peace by a Danzig compromise. Marshal Petain and M. Laval also conferred with M. Charles Magny, former Chief of the National Secret Police and wartime Minister to Finland and later Minister to Dublin, who is now named as Prefect of the Seine. He will be the French Government's Administrator in Paris and suburbs comprising the Seine Department.

Premature Report

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Berlin reports that M. Paul Baudouin, Foreign Minister in the Vichy Government, had resigned after premature.

M. Laval, the Vice-Premier, when questioned by newspapermen, did not confirm the report, according to a news agency dispatch from Geneva. The dispatch adds that the resignation "might take place during to-day."

A Cabinet meeting was originally called for this afternoon when it was expected that the decision would be taken, but it was learned later that the Cabinet might not meet before Monday.

CHANGSHA, Oct. 28 (Central News).—Japanese military authorities have instructed the so-called peace maintenance committee at Tsolin Hunan, to collect a head tax of \$1 per capita and a pile of rice from each household beginning December.

SOLICITOR FOR H.K. BAR

Admitted To-day

Mr. Kan Yuet-keung, son of Mr. Kan Tong-po, Chief manager of the Bank of East Asia, was enrolled as a solicitor by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Attorney General, in making the application, said: "The applicant was born in the Colony on July 20, 1913, and educated at the Diocesan Boys' School and at the University of Hongkong, where he obtained his degree of Bachelor of Arts in June, 1935."

"He was successful in his examinations in March this year, and was enrolled in the Supreme Court of England on June 1."

Joining Deacons

Addressing the applicant, Sir Atholl said:

"It gives me great pleasure to accede to the prayer of the Attorney General and to order that your name be enrolled on the roll of solicitors and proctors of this Court, not only because you are your father's son, but also since you are returned from England, I have had the pleasure of meeting you personally and socially. I welcome you to what is a very honourable profession. I know that both your family traditions and the professions of your choice is safely in your hands."

"I think it is your intention to join the firm of Deacons, and on that also I would like to congratulate you."

Mr. D. L. Strellett, representing the Law Society, and Mr. M. H. Turner, of Deacons, were also present.

French Developments Cause Dismay in U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—There is much speculation in the American newspapers to-day of the effect in Europe of any French-German alliance.

The developments in France have produced wide expressions of dismay. Mr. Cordell Hull's disclosure that President Roosevelt had sent a warning to Vichy is splashed on the front pages of the New York's morning press.

It is generally considered that Hitler's new programme is necessitated by the thwarting of his original plans by the Royal Air Force, and

naval aid is considered to be his chief aim. The belief that the French people will revolt if the Vichy Government joins the war against Britain is again voiced by several papers.

CHINESE ATTACK BORDER POST

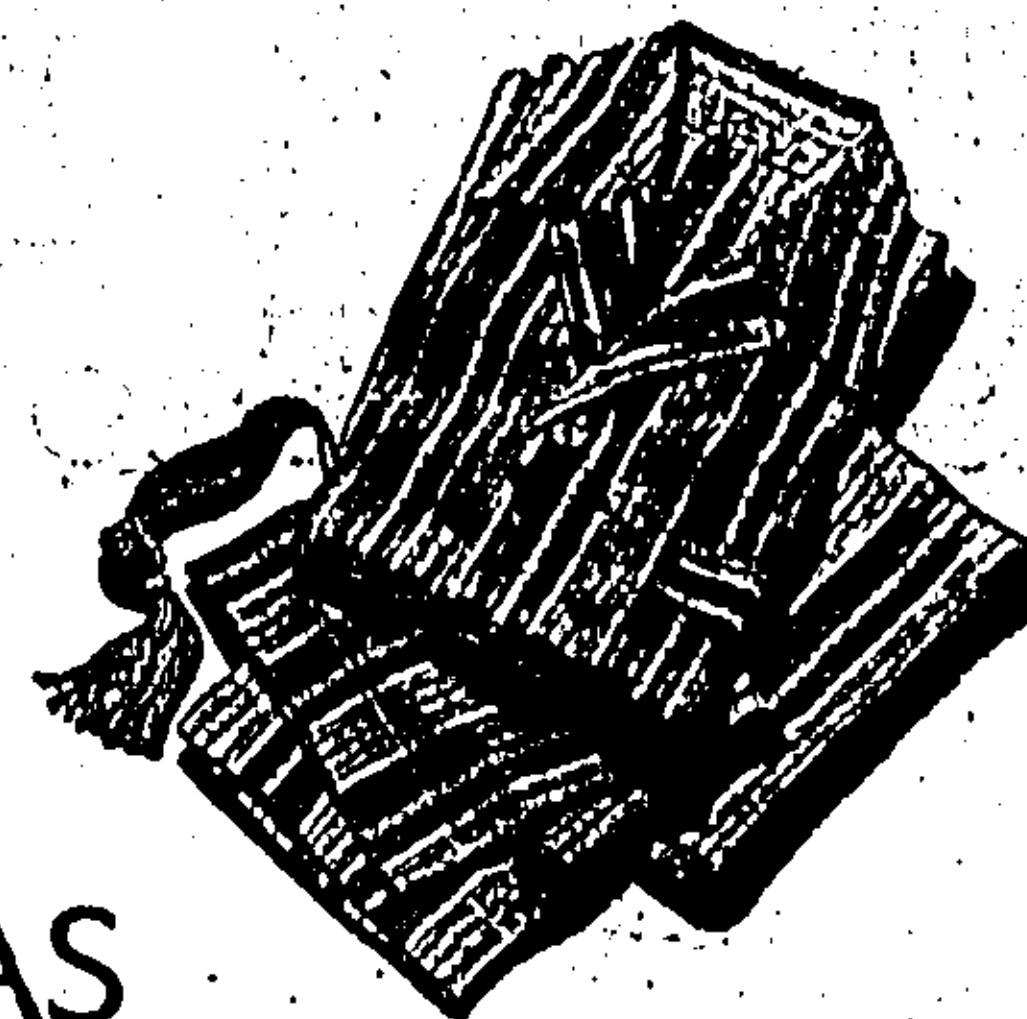
HANOI, Oct. 27 (UP).—The French to-day announced that on Saturday 400 Chinese troops attacked Phobang, a post on the Indo-China border.

Two French were wounded while the Chinese left numerous dead and wounded, added the report.

Patrol Clash Near Ethiopia

NAIROBI, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—One of our patrols was attacked by superior enemy forces near the Ethiopian border, 70 miles east of Lake Rudolf, says a communique.

The patrol withdrew successfully without loss from their post inflicting casualties on the enemy.



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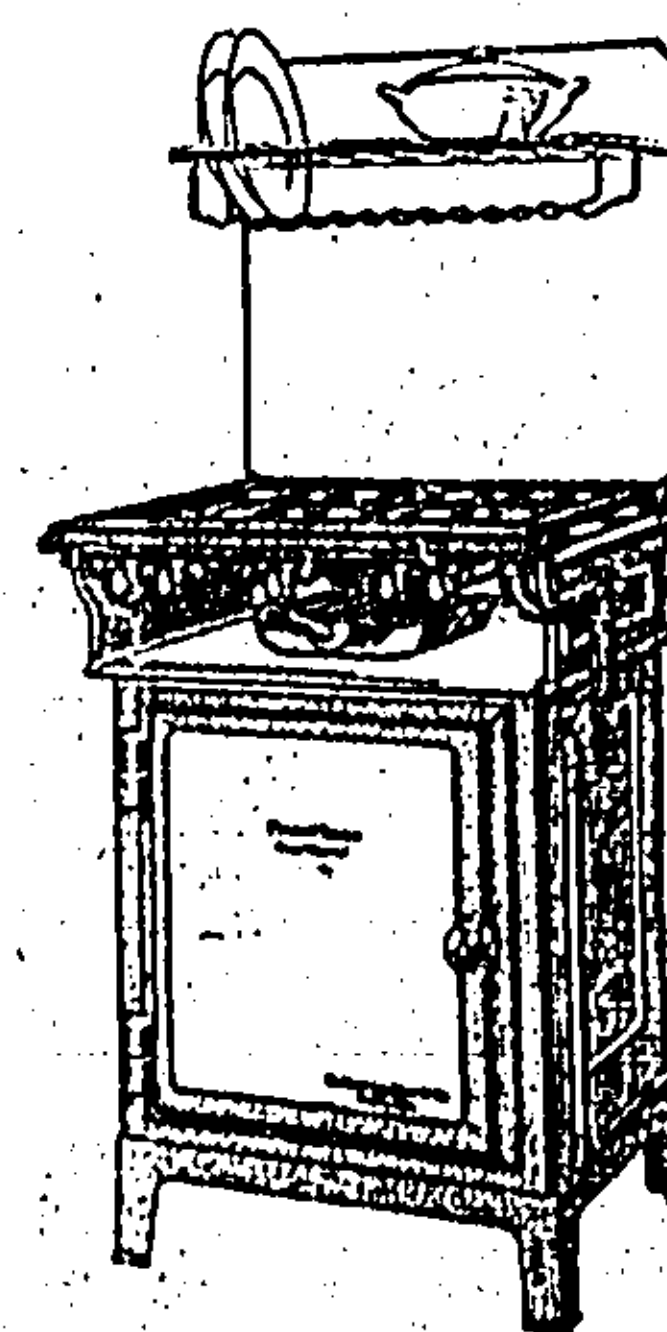
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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Sing Tao Fortunate To Draw With S. China

Lee Wai-tong Prominent In Virile Attack

(By "Scrambler")

SING TAO were decidedly fortunate to share four goals with South China in their senior league football game yesterday at Caroline Hill before what must have been a Hongkong record for attendance. The touch lines were crowded to six deep all round, thus impeding the play to a certain extent.

SOUTH CHINA not only astounded their supporters by their display, but gave an exhibition so reminiscent of their old form that they had the Sing Tao team on their toes during the greater part of the game. Never has one seen Lee Wai-tong playing so energetically as he did yesterday. He always had someone at his heels, yet was able to feed his forwards with nice ground passes.

The play opened with Sing Tao attacking, and for a while play was being continually transferred from one end to the other. Both keepers were called upon to defend their citadels, and on one occasion Cheong Wing-choi had to dive full length to effect a clearance from Lee Tak-kee. Lee Wai-tong was fouled twice in succession by Sing Tao's pair of backs, and the resultant kicks were cleared.

After interesting exchanges for about twenty minutes South China drew first blood when, from a pass by Tso Kwai-shing, Lee Shek-yau pushed the ball to Lee Tak-kee, who tapped it into the corner of the net. This advantage was short lived for within five minutes Sing Tao were on level terms, when Kwok Ying-kie, from a centre by Ip Pak-wing, scored from close in.

South China In Lead

Crossing over on level terms, South China surprised the spectators with a quick goal. From the kick off, Lau Chung-sang brought the ball into Sing Tao's territory and passed the ball to Lee Tak-kee, who evaded Hou Yung-sang to slice the ball into the net.

At this stage, South China were definitely on the aggressive, and Cheong Wing-choi was called upon to clear in quick succession from Tso Kwai-shing, Lee Wai-tong and Lee Tak-kee. In one of these attacks, Cheong Wing-choi had to leave his charge and Lee Wai-tong cleverly evaded his dive, and pushed the ball through, only to see Li Tin-sang clear with his head.

South China were trying hard to increase their lead, and Sing Tao were playing very listlessly at this stage. In one of the Sing Tao raids Fung King-cheung received a pass and sent the ball to Kwok Ying-kie who pushed it past Tam Kwan-hon to come once again on level terms, much against the run of play.

South China were definitely playing better than Sing Tao on the day's play. They swung the ball around more than their opponents, who were content to play the close passing game. With Lee Wai-tong being continuously shadowed by the

HOW TEAMS FARED

First Division			
Eastern	6	Club	2
Navy	5	Royal Scots	5
Middlesex	3	St. Joseph's	0
South China	2	Sing Tao	2
Police	3	Kwong Wah	1
Second Division			
Kit Chee	5	Kowloon	2
R.A.O.C.	4	Club	1
Navy	5	30th R.A.	1
Middlesex	5	Kwong Wah	2
Royal Scots	1	Engineers	1
South China	0	Sing Tao	0
R.A.S.C.	11	Police	1
Third Division			
R.A.S.C.	1	12th Hvy R.A.	0
Engineers	1	Shell	1
35th R.A.	0	R.A.M.C.	3
24th R.A.	1	R.A.F.	3
A.S.A.	0	International	3
7th R.A.	2	20th Hvy R.A.	1
Signals	1	30th R.A.	0

Good South China Halves

The superiority of South China's intermediate line can well be gauged by the fact, that the two speedy Sing Tao's wingers were kept very much subdued during the greater part of the game. Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po and Tse Kam-hung played very well indeed, especially the wing halves. Lam Tak-po the pivot, worked tirelessly throughout the game, and had the measure of Sing Tao's forwards.

With their intermediate line working like a machine, it was only to be expected that the two South China's backs, Tsang Chung-wan and Lee Kwok-wai, would have their work reduced to a certain extent; TURN to Page 2, Column Two



Goalie clears. Tam Kwan-hon (South China) clears from the head of Tsui Ah-fai (Sing Tao) in their League soccer match at Caroline Hill yesterday.—Ming Yuen

England To Meet India In International Shield Final

ON THE Kowloon C.C. green yesterday, India defeated Ireland and England defeated the Philippines to enter the final of the Gutierrez International Bowls Shield. The results were according to expectations, India winning by 25-14 and England by 22-12.

The Irishmen, who eliminated the Swiss holders of the title the previous day on the Craighower C.C. green, found the Indians a tougher proposition than their opponents of Saturday and, after the first seven or eight heads, they were always in arrears.

The Indian leads, A. H. Rumlaha and A. M. Rumlaha, who had played an indifferent game in the second round against Scotland, showed slight improvement while the Omar brothers again showed consistent form. Ireland scored on eight of the 21 heads, including a four on the 17th, but they conceded a five and two fours.

Leading by 10-6 on the 10th head, the Philippines fell off badly in the next eight heads, every one of which they lost. From being four shots behind, England shot into a 20-10 lead as the result of this burst of scoring and by this time had the match "in the bag."

The match was featured by low counts, only one three being registered—for England on the 17th end. The rest were twos and singles.

Ireland v. India
C. Dowman
A. Wright
H. Lockhart
W. V. Field

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A. E. H. Castro
N. A. Allenza
V. Bass

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Queen Mary Hospital Staff Beat University

QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL Staff and the Hongkong University met in a friendly game of cricket at Pokfulam yesterday, the former claiming victory by only 4 runs. Keen bowling backed up by fine fielding was responsible for the low scores.

Scores were:
University—77 (J. Fenton 21, W. Oegg 12, V. Lingam 11, Haynes 8 for 23, O'Garra 2 for 11, Skinner 2 for 5).
Hospital—81 (J. Trull 23, J. Mc Gown 16, K. T. Lul 11, Hong Choy 4 for 23, Mazura 5 for 21).

Softball

CARDINALS UPSET WAHOOS

St. Joseph's Trounce Chinese Baseballers

Surprise result of the week-end softball matches was the defeat of the Wahoos at the hands of the Cardinals yesterday, while the St. Joseph's Chinese Baseballers, from which much was expected, proved a frost, the former winning by 14-2.

The Ramblerettes made hay against the Chung Hwa, winning by 24-9, but Canuckettes went one better and tramped on the Little Flowers 32-8!

Complete scores were:

WOMEN

Cardinals 7, Wahoos 2.
Ramblerettes 24, Chung Hwa 9.
Canuckettes 32, Little Flowers, 8.

MEN

Cyclones 9, Canucks 5.
Indians 10, Filipinos 4.
St. Joseph's 14, Chinese Baseballers 2.

Inter-Unit Matches Over The Week-end

FOUR more teams were eliminated from the Volunteer Inter-Unit lawn bowls competition for the "China Mail" Cup over the week-end. The 3rd Battery beat No. 2 Company, Field Engineers "B" beat Pay Section, 1st Battery "A" beat No. 2 Company "A", and 1st Battery "B" beat No. 5 Company "B".

Scores were:

R. S. Walker (3rd Battery) beat W. L. Logan, W. Thilly, A. W. Lapaley, C. S. M. Thom (No. 2 Coy. E), 21-15.
E. Casey, R. E. Lee, W. J. Howard, W. C. Simpson (Field Engineers "B") beat A. C. Friddle, A. E. Dunn, W. B. Musket, R. N. Jackson (Pay Section), 21-13.
Merrison, Carr, Dickford, J. Watson (1st Battery "A") beat W. McKie, D. Coull, O. Gillies, R. Bovard (No. 2 Scottish Coy. A), 19-6.
T. L. Lockhart, G. P. Stone, C. Clemow, J. Jack (1st Battery "B") beat M. F. Alarcon, P. M. N. da Silva, R. M. Xavier, H. A. Botelho (No. 5 Coy. D), 17-6.

T. A. Pearce Wins Colony Golf Championship From O. E. C. Marton

THOUGH SCORES were not exceptional, competition was very keen for the Amateur Golf Championship of the Colony which was played off at Fanling yesterday. T. A. Pearce (156) beat O. E. C. Marton (157) by the one stroke, while F. D. Hunter (158) was only another stroke behind.

Pearce's morning round of 76 on the Old Course was the best for that course, but winner of the prize for the best Old Course round was Col. Rose 78.

Hunter made a magnificent effort in the afternoon and returned a card of 75, which, though it failed to place him ahead of either Marton or Pearce, gave him prize for the best round on the New Course.

R. K. Collings (Kowloon G.C.) took the Visitor's Cup with an aggregate of 160, and was 4th in the Championship.

	Old	New	Total
T. A. Pearce	76	80	156
O. E. C. Marton	78	79	157
F. D. Hunter	75	83	158
R. K. Collings	78	82	160
J. L. C. Pearce	79	81	160
A. S. Edwards	80	80	160
Col. Rose	78	92	170
F. Groves	80	91	171
R. O. McKenzie	80	92	172
W. Ahern	81	91	172
F. A. Redmond	82	90	172
T. D. Low	83	89	172
A. W. Ramsay	80	92	172

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE TENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 2nd November, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21202).

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th October, 1940.

CLUB DEFEAT NAVY 17-3

Faulty Handling By Club Three-Quarters

(By "Fly-half")

CLUB on their own ground showed much improvement up forward, and with J. Thomson in another try-scoring mood, beat Navy by 17 points (a goal and 4 tries) to 3 points (a try).

Charter once again gave a steady display and kept Carrier subdued. The former was not molested by wing forwards to the extent the latter was. Thomson, at the base of the Club scrum, gave a good service and backed up well to score two tries. The Club three-quarters were poor in their handling, with Day chiefly at fault. Thompson was safe at full-back and opened up well, once when he brought the ball up and kicked across to Stewart who dribbled the ball one-third of the field to score.

Day, nursing a strained knee, appeared to keep himself in reserve, whilst Stewart played hard. The Club pack was solid with Gardner and McNeil prominent. McNeil hooked and Cullen had to leave with an injury to his ribs.

Navy were unable to turn out as picked. Watson, the hooker, is suffering from boils and intended to watch, but turned out for the "A" team as they were short. Huddlestone came in for Honeywell. Skinner, despite his weight, ran hard and scored a try having to run within a yard of the line all the way. McGill lacked speed to get round Stewart and carry on.

Rutherford, who was much harassed by Club wing forwards, played quite well and showed much improvement on his displays in previous seasons for Club "A". King and Longmuir were hard-workers in the Navy pack.

THE GAME

THOMSON broke away with the ball at his feet with Club forwards well up with him. McNeil carried the ball on when Thomson lost possession and succeeded in dribbling over for a try.

Castleton missed the kick from an easy position. This was the only score in the first half.

Mid-way through the second half, Skinner caused a surprise when he ran down the touch-line and evaded Club defenders to score at the flag. King failed to convert. Thompson gave Club the lead again by a try which McNeil converted.

Then Stewart, who was unfortunately not to score earlier when he was through but Day had unobstructed, was blocked by Wright and the whistle went, carried a cross kick by Thompson up field at his feet and lost. Wright-in-the-dive over the line for the touchdown. McNeil failed to add the additional points. Bosanquet scored an unconverted victory by 10 points to nil.

try in the corner which was followed by another try by Thomson. Club—Thomson, Bosanquet, Day, Allenhead and Stewart; Charter and Thomson; McNeil, Castleton, Huddlestone; Gardner, Needham; Kennedy, Hackett and Taylor.

Navy—Wright; Skinner, Paul Lambie and McGill; Rutherford and Carter; Palmer, Brown, Manfield, Taylor, King; Beattie, Carey and Longmuir.

Police v. Army

IN A ROBUST GAME at Boundary Street, Army, without Wedderburn, gave another convincing display, winning by 22 points (four tries and two goals) to nil.

Police forwards stuck to their task well, but the halves could not get moving. Millar, of Army, who was prominent against Club, was too well marked to be effective on Saturday. Foley played hard against the quick breaking, Police forwards but his passes were wild. Hook did well to hold many of the scrum half's passes. Marsh improved on his previous display and kept good control of Reynolds.

WEAK BACKS

Both full backs, Berry and Taylor, were not up to scratch. Taylor brought the dummy rather foolishly near the end of the game and was inclined to go too high. Coombes was good for Army at three. Ford, making his debut as a hooker, did well. Sutherland, Bompas and Millar were hard-working forwards.

Richards scored Army's first try which was followed by tries by Foley, Marsh, Richards, Douglas (2). Two were converted by Marsh from easy positions.

Army—Berry, Richards, Douglass, Coombes and Marsh; Hook and Foley; Sutherland, Ford, Bompas, Millar, Cuthbertson; Duke, Heath and Pinkerton. Police—Taylor, Dinahett, Howlett, Jackson, Reynolds, Wall, Morrison; Rose, Todd, Seanie, Oakley, Cullinan; Wright, Booth, Dempsey and Jones.

Club "A" 16 Navy "A" 0

ASSISTED BY Hunter, Gracie, Durr and Loughlin of the Royal Scots, Club "A" defeated Navy "A" by 10 points (two goals and two penalty goals) to nil.

Davies at wing forward was very active and effective while Caruthers cut through well and made openings for his wing in grand style. Stark kicked well to complete the game with two penalty goals and had two converts to his credit. Clemo and Morgan were once again a safe pair of halves.

A penalty goal by Stark and a try by Davies converted by Stark completed the first half scoring. After the interval another penalty goal by Stark and a try by Thomas, again converted by Stark, gave Club Bosanquet scored an unconverted victory by 10 points to nil.



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DANUBE MEETING

Control Over All British Ships

Sofia, Oct. 27. The Rumanian Government has gained control over all British owned and British chartered vessels in Rumanian territorial waters by a new decree issued by the Government under Nazi inspiration.

The decree declares that no charter of maritime or river vessels under foreign flags with a Rumanian port of registry may be made without the authority of the Rumanian Ministry of Marine.

All charters must be submitted by the end of October, when the Ministry will decide whether the charter can be constituted or whether the Ministry will take over the vessels.

British owned vessels affected comprise 14 grain lighters, four tugs and two oil tankers which have been held by Rumania for some months at Braila and Sulina.

The decree also affects a further 65 ships under the British flag, which have been requisitioned by the authorities for military purposes. These vessels have been used exclusively by Rumania, but it is feared that they will also come under German control.

The decree declares that any attempt by foreign Powers to withdraw vessels registered under the Rumanian flag will be regarded as sabotage and treated with severe penalties.

A further breach of international law by Rumania concerns the former French fleet on the Danube, consisting of 44 vessels, including 25 grain barges, 12 tugs and four tankers.

An agreement was issued between French and British interests on June 12 for the purchase and transfer of this fleet to the British flag.

French Collapse Effect
The French collapse came before the transfer was completed and the Rumanians arbitrarily refused to allow the British flag to be hoisted on the vessels, put armed guards on them, and towed them from Braila upstream.

An official German delegation recently went to inspect these vessels, and later they were towed back to Braila by German tugs, hence there seems little doubt into whose hands they will fall.

The Rumanians contend that they have jurisdiction over British owned and chartered vessels, because they were registered in Rumanian ports. The British contend that the decree is contrary to international law, because the vessels were registered at the British consular offices, enjoying extraterritorial rights.

Greek Interests
Greek interests are also threatened, as there are 14 tugs and 24 grain lighters also under charter to Greek companies operating on the Danube. The Greeks have vigorously protested against the new decree. It is pointed out that the Germans are only obtaining desperately needed extra ships when the primary in south-east Europe is too depleted to make extra exports. Moreover though many of the vessels can be converted for transport of crude oil, transport can only be effected until freezing of the Danube renders navigation impossible.—Reuter.

Germany Faces Russia

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As the other representatives from the Balkans and Italy are only pawns in the game it is Russia and Germany who are now manoeuvring for an advantage. Russia, who was left out of the earlier discussions staged by Berlin, is highly suspicious of the German moves for the establishment of naval bases in the Black Sea and Littoral.

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FIGHTING IN AFRICA—Battlefield scene in western desert along Libyan border, in North Africa, showing Italian equipment destroyed by British armored cars. Great campaign against Egypt by Italian forces in Libya has begun.

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The operations described in the official history occurred when part of the 50th Division of the First Tank Brigade were sent to attack south of Arras.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Lighting Restriction For The Blackout

The following notice to mariners regarding the blackout exercises to take place on the nights of October 29-30 and 30-31, has been issued by Comdr. G. F. Hole, Harbour Master.

In these exercises, the blackout will automatically commence at sunset (1748 Hours) on October 29, 1940, and remain in force until sunrise (0620 Hours) on the morning of October 31, 1940, when normal lighting and sea traffic will be resumed.

External light of every description on board vessels are prohibited, and all internal lights must either be extinguished or obscured so that no light is visible either from above or from any other direction.

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Port To Be Closed
The Port will be closed to all inward and outward shipping at sunset on October 29 to sunrise on October 30, and from sunset on October 30 to sunrise on the October 31, during which periods no movements of vessels, etc. will be permitted inside the Port.

Notes:—(1) A restricted ferry service will be maintained by the Star Ferry between Hongkong and Kowloon subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 (1) which includes navigation lights, and in this connection the prescribed pier lights at Hongkong and Kowloon will be permitted provided that such lights cannot be seen from above and do not throw any light on to the water.

As the tanks advanced they shot up German transport and killed many men. A battalion of the Durham Light Infantry followed the advance, mopped up the area round Dainville and took many prisoners.

At this time the battalion commander, who was commanding from a light tank, was killed when it received a direct hit from a field gun. This was the left column of a two-point thrust. The right, also consisting of tanks, followed by D.L.I. battalion, proceeded through Duisans, where they shot up enemy infantry and transport.

Forces Too Small
Heavy casualties had been inflicted on the enemy with only small losses on our side. A withdrawal was suggested as the positions were very exposed.

Had we had more troops immediately available to support the small forces which had penetrated so deeply, it would have been another matter.

South of Arras, to support a French counter-attack from the south, the 50th Division was ordered to hold a "tank-proof" locality at Beauraines and another at Duisans.

The enemy launched heavy diving-bombing attacks on Beauraines, where the infantry battalion were forming a tank-proof locality, and also on the main body of the right column near Warlus.

These attacks were delivered by over a hundred planes and lasted for twenty minutes. This was easily the most intensive air bombardment which our troops had yet encountered, and the troops were already much exhausted.

Forced to Withdraw
The infantry were forced to evacuate themselves from Beauraines and were then attacked by considerable numbers of tanks in the open. The tank battalion, though greatly outnumbered, helped to stem the tide, but the column was forced to withdraw to Achicourt.

On the right flank, air bombardment was followed by heavy tank attacks. Anti-tank guns were quickly in action and were highly successful.

Conclusions reached from the British attack were that our infantry tanks showed a definite superiority over the enemy tanks. Their armour resisted direct hits from the enemy anti-tank guns easily and the burst of shells had no effect on the crews.

Our two-pounder anti-tank gun penetrated all types of enemy tank and the tracer often set the tanks on fire.

If a larger number of tanks had been available supported by stronger mobile columns a great success might have been achieved.

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Czech Anniversary Independence Day Recalled

To-day, October 28, is the National Independence day of the Czechoslovak Republic, and is celebrated by all Czechoslovaks regardless of whether they are living in free countries or in territories under German "protection".

The following brief description of events in 1939 is condensed from the original document known as the Czechoslovak Blue Book, published in Paris last April.

On October 28, 1939, the anniversary of National Independence, there were manifestations in all towns in the Protectorate, especially in Prague. University students played a very active part in the processions formed, in spite of Von Neurath's prohibition. People were killed and wounded, and nearly 4,000 persons were arrested by the German Police, and some hundred were transported to the Pechek Palace in the basement of which are the Gestapo chambers of torture. Few of those came out uninjured. Fifteen days after these events, the family of Jean Opletal, a medical student, was merely informed that the young man had died. As a matter of fact he succumbed to the wounds and blows received at the hands of the Gestapo.

On November 15, 1939, the obsequies of Jean Opletal were held at the Institute of Pathology. The Chief of the Prague Police had at first forbidden any kind of ceremony, but the students desirous of paying last respects to their comrade went to the Protectorate Authorities to obtain permission. The funeral itself went forward with dignity and without a disturbing incident. Students had naturally assembled in very large numbers. At the close of the ceremony, when they were preparing to depart, they were deliberately provoked into unrest, which spread all over the city. The Nazis retaliated with much brutality, and a number of executions were carried out in the course of the next few days.

The Germans were obliged to admit officially that there had been twelve executions. However it was proved with absolute certainty that in Ruzyn, 34 students had been killed, and the next day a further 27 shared the same fate. As far as can be ascertained to date, the number of students and young intellectuals executed is 150, and the number imprisoned 4,000. The total number of dead is infinitely larger, and certainly exceeds a thousand, for the three weeks from October 28 to November 20. It is estimated that there are at least 70,000 Czechs in prison or in German concentration camps.

Nevertheless Czechs and Slovaks are determined to continue to fight for the liberation of their country. German atrocities being unable to stop the great struggle for independence undertaken in Czechoslovakia and outside wherever Czechoslovaks live.



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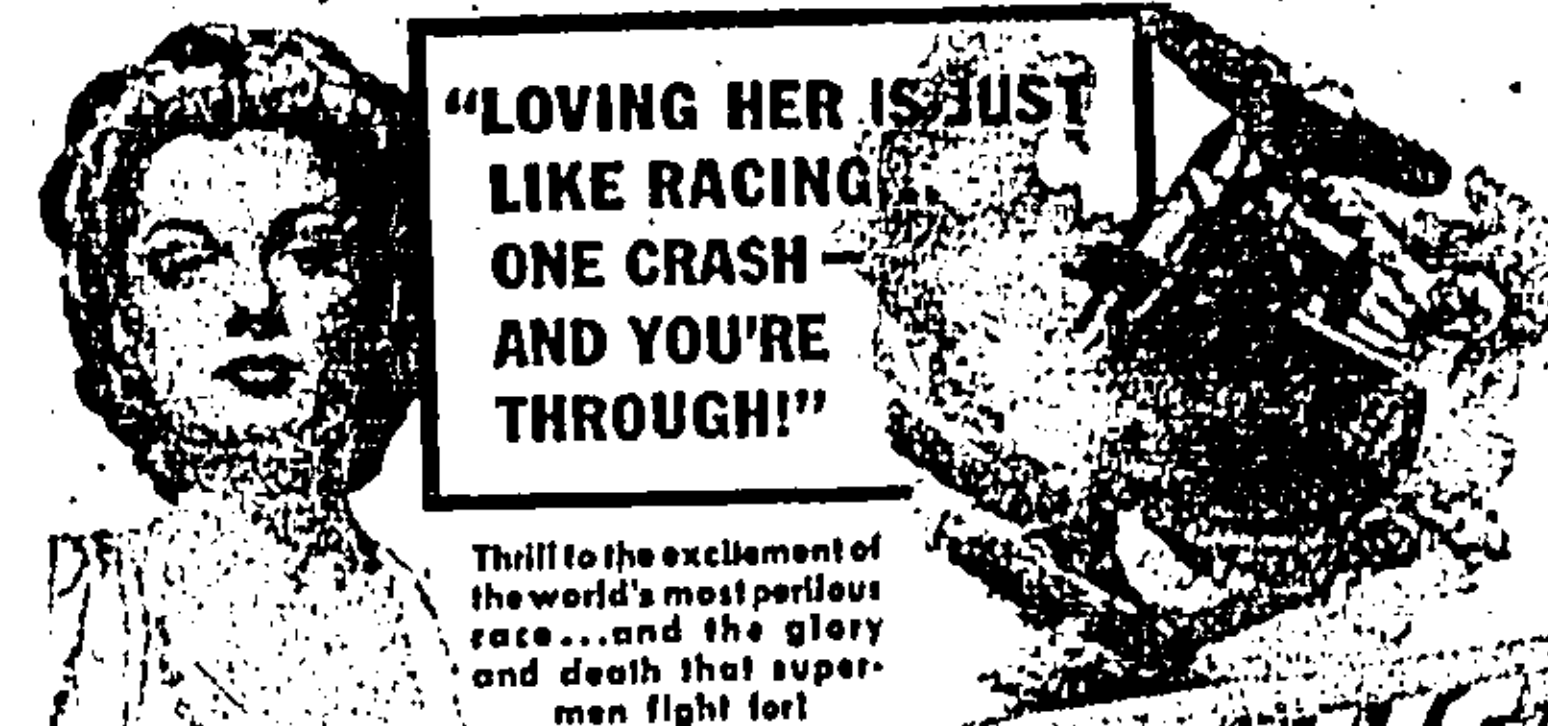
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CRASH VICTIM

ADMINISTRATION OF MR. G. H. FOWLER'S ESTATE

Estate under \$300 was left by the late Mr. George Herbert Fowler, 29, of 65 Kadoorie Avenue, who died on August 24 following a plane crash at Kai Tak airport. Letters of administration to the estate have been granted to Mr. S. F. Fowler, the lawful attorney, for use of the widow, Elsie May Fowler.

Mr. Fowler was a well-known Hongkong sportsman and member of the Volunteer Air Arm. He was in a machine returning to Kai Tak after taking off earlier in the afternoon for training and patrol duty, and was heading for the landing field when his nose dropped and the plane crashed heavily on the pavement opposite the gate of the aerodrome. Mr. B. M. Hynes, who was also in the plane, escaped with light injuries.

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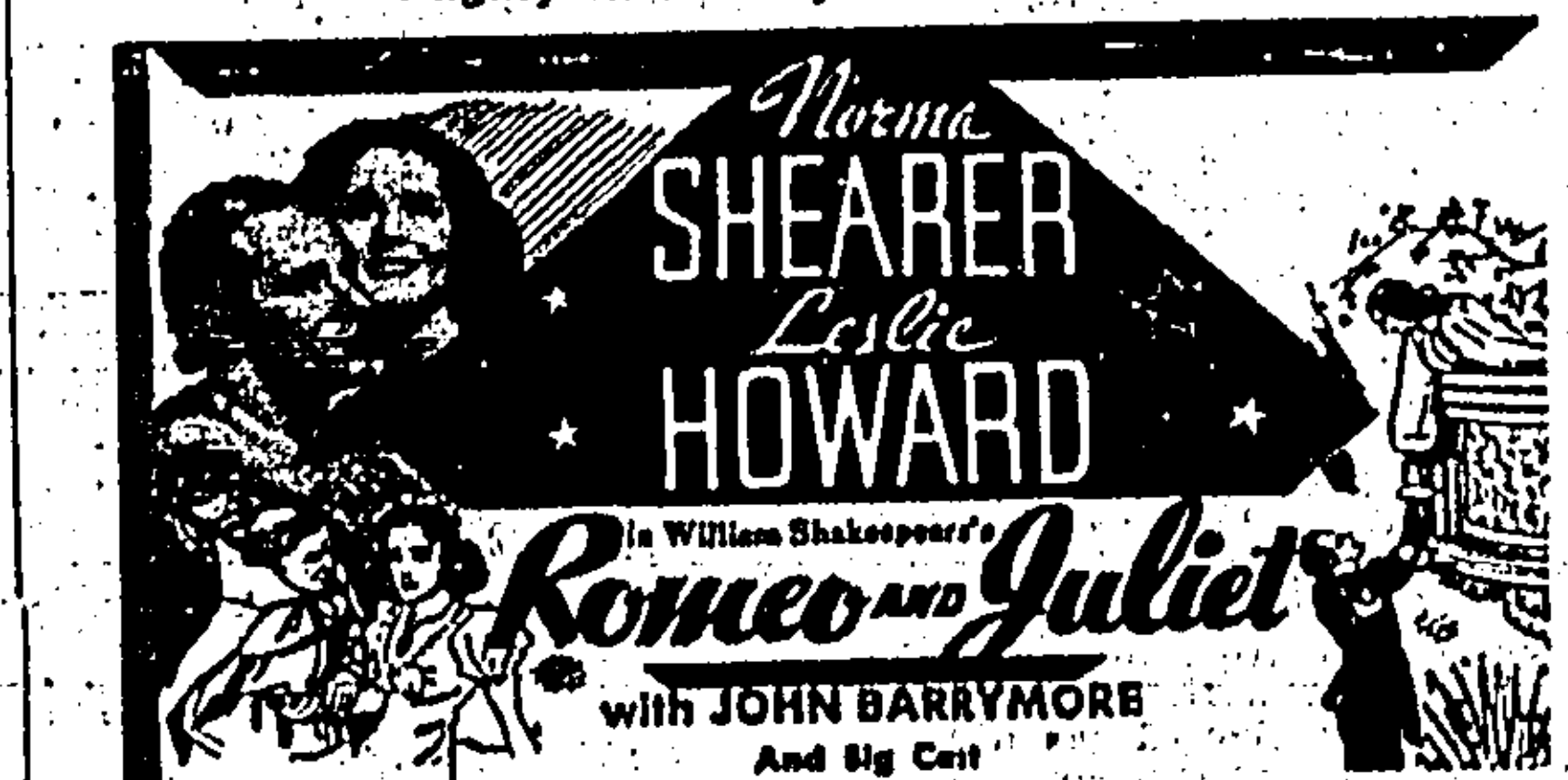
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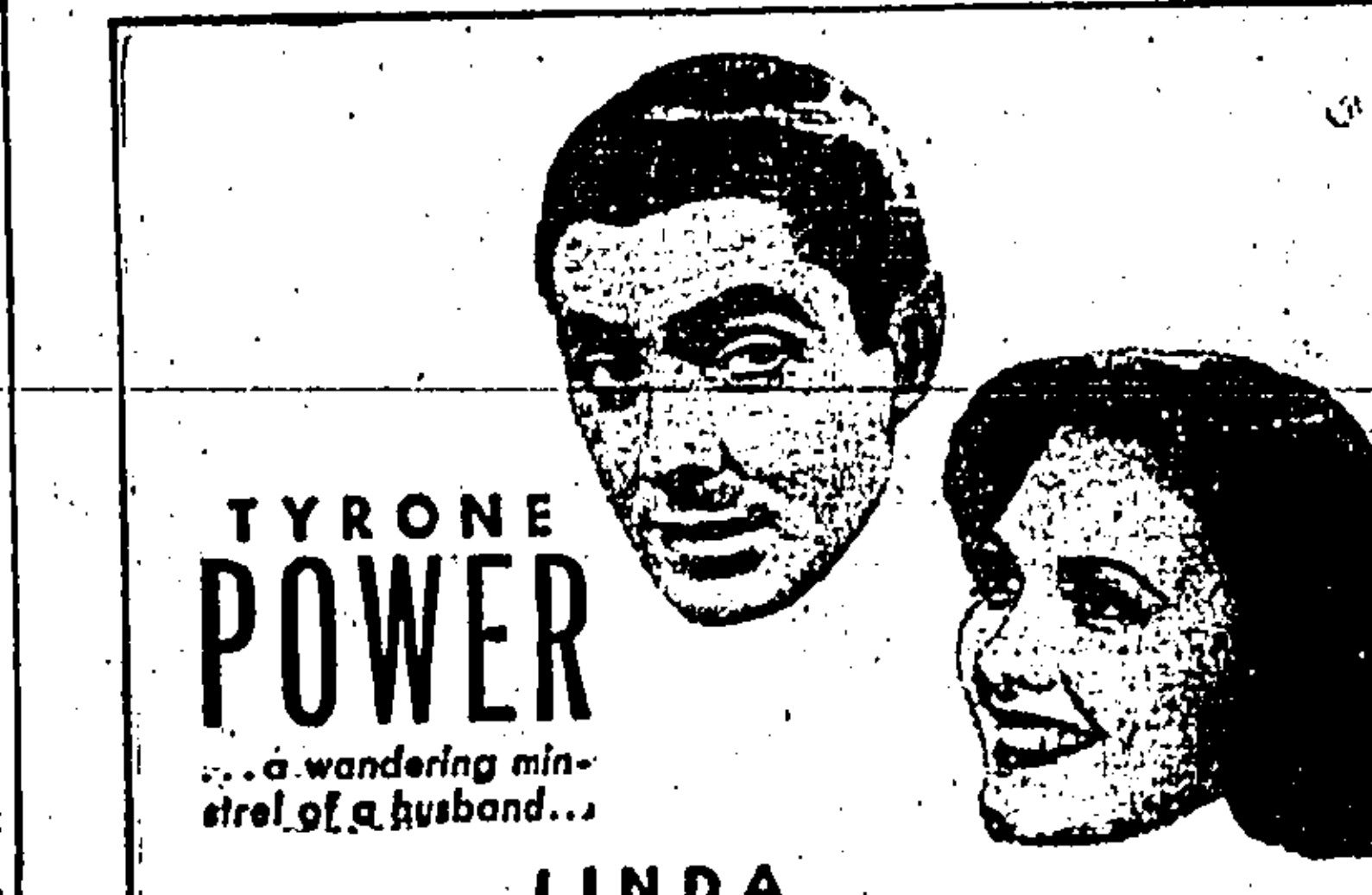
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British Bombers Take Full Revenge BERLIN BLASTED: LIFE AND INDUSTRY DISRUPTED

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Oct. 27 (UP).—Life in Berlin has been seriously disrupted and portions of the city's vital industries are charred ruins as a result of the Royal Air Force's blasting counter-attacks—early this morning they unloaded cargoes of super-bombs on the German capital—according to the Air Ministry communique this evening.

The announcement claimed that the German authorities have concealed the full extent of the bombardment by clamping down a rigid censorship on reports of the night R.A.F. bombing raids.

The new assault on Berlin early this morning occurred during wide ranging forays extending from Holland on the North Sea to Stettin on the Baltic, and from France to the coast of Norway.

Titanic Air Battles Over South England

Enemy Raiders Repulsed

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Oct. 27 (UP).—Titanic air battles have been raging all day from the south of England up to the outskirts of London, shattering stubborn German drives against the capital where to-night, the inky blackness is being broken by the distant flashes of defence guns.

Blazing Destruction

Relays of British planes spread blazing destruction on utility plants and railway yards in Berlin. Fourteen Nazi aerodromes in Germany, Holland, Belgium and France, a whole chain of "invasion ports" and two German naval bases were also attacked.

The Air Ministry also announced that "reliable neutral sources" have provided proof that "Berlin has suffered severely from the many R. A. F. visits since the beginning of September" and also that it is known "that widespread damage has been done."

90 Minutes Bombing

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuters).—Berlin was for 90 minutes one of the main targets of R.A.F. activity over Germany, extending from the Baltic coast to Leipzig and Cologne.

Berlin had a taste of bombs of the heaviest calibre yet carried. A large fire was caused in an aero-engine factory in the north-west suburb and in the Mohr power station, which is one of Berlin's main sources of electric supply, while the Pullitzstrasse and Lehrter railway yards were attacked with salvos of high explosive bombs dropped from a low altitude.

GALLANT R.A.F. RAID

Death-Defying

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Oct. 28, (UP).—The Royal Air Force attack on Berlin was said to have been carried out under conditions which forced the British planes down to 2,000 feet beneath low hanging clouds.

The 1,300 mile round trip carried the attackers across Germany to the shore of the Baltic where "tons of big explosives" were heaped on oil refineries and hydraulic power plants at Politz and Stettin where great fires were started.

A 2,500-ton German supply ship is reported to have been sunk off Norway.

Repeated Raids

Repeatedly the "luftwaffe" surged over the coast of Kent to fan out in broad attacks on Southeast England, but British patrols were invariably TURN to Page 8, Column Three

Docks Attacked

The Air Ministry said that docks at Hamburg, Cuxhaven and Bremen were attacked as well as railway objectives at Bremen, Dortmund, Brussels and the ports of Flushing and Antwerp. The electric power

Nazi Aeroplanes Chased Across City And Countryside By R. A. F.

By WALLACE CARROLL
UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LONDON, Oct. 28 (UP).—Despite the efficiency of Royal Air Force fighters, London did not escape unscathed yesterday.

A time bomb exploded outside a large shop in the London area damaging a number of shops and a cinema theatre in which a man was killed.

An incendiary bomb razed part of a children's hospital in one of the Home Counties near London but officials said nobody was hurt. Other bombs fell near the nurses' quarters.

The night raid started slowly and somewhat later than usual. Several high explosive bombs crashed in working class houses in the outer London district and clusters of incendiary bombs followed starting several fires which were quickly extinguished.

Single planes appeared to be breaking through the defences and coming at regular intervals, most of them flying due west from the sea. Early in the evening planes crossed the east coast at a great height. They descended to the low flying clouds and dumped high explosive and incendiary bombs before they fled to sea when the defence barrage began bursting in their midst.

Raiders were reported over Liverpool and another town in the north-west of England. A lone raider dropped several bombs on a north-east coast town after nightfall, damaging many houses—the raid ending abruptly with the German TURN to Page 8, Column Four

Students Demonstrate

The Stefani News Agency reported from Tirana that hundreds of Greek students at Jannina yesterday demonstrated against Italy and Albania, waving Greek flags along the Greek-Albanian frontier.

It is also declared from Tirana that the Greek authorities have closed practically the entire Albanian-Greek border and are refusing to permit Albanian farmers working on Greek soil to enter Greece.

Il Duce Rushes Troops

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

The National Broadcasting Corporation has intercepted a Nazi Radio message declaring that Italy has decided to send reinforcements to Albania as a result of the clash with Greek soldiers on the frontier, says a "Domel" report from New York.

The same agency reports from Athens that a meeting between Italian and Greek officers took place on the Greece-Albanian frontier at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. The meeting was held at the request of the Greek officer commanding the area where fighting took place early Saturday morning.

Tension Growing

Meanwhile tension in the relations between Greece and Italy is growing. "Reuters" says that the mystery of the shooting on the Albanian side of the frontier, in which it is said, two Albanian soldiers were killed and 35 wounded, while seven Greek soldiers were captured, is deepened by a semi-official statement issued in Athens.

The Italian account of the incident is emphatically denied. It is stated that no incident occurred on the frontier itself, but that Greek border posts on Saturday night heard firing which apparently came from the Albanian village of Verrin two miles from the border.

Greek Denial

ATHENS, Oct. 27 (Reuters).—A further denial of Italian reports of incidents on the frontier has been issued by a semi-official Greek news agency which says that the reports from Tirana transmitted by the Stefani agency are false.

The Stefani reports said that a Greek armed band had entered Albanian territory and had attacked Albanian posts near Kollitza.

No Greek band has passed the frontier at any point. No band has been formed or could be formed in Greek territory because the Greek military and civil authorities have assured absolute order.

Greek Peace Efforts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Oct. 27 (UP).—Striving to avert open warfare between Greece and Italy, the Greek Premier, General Metaxas, to-day dispatched

Three Dictators And "Puppet" To Parley

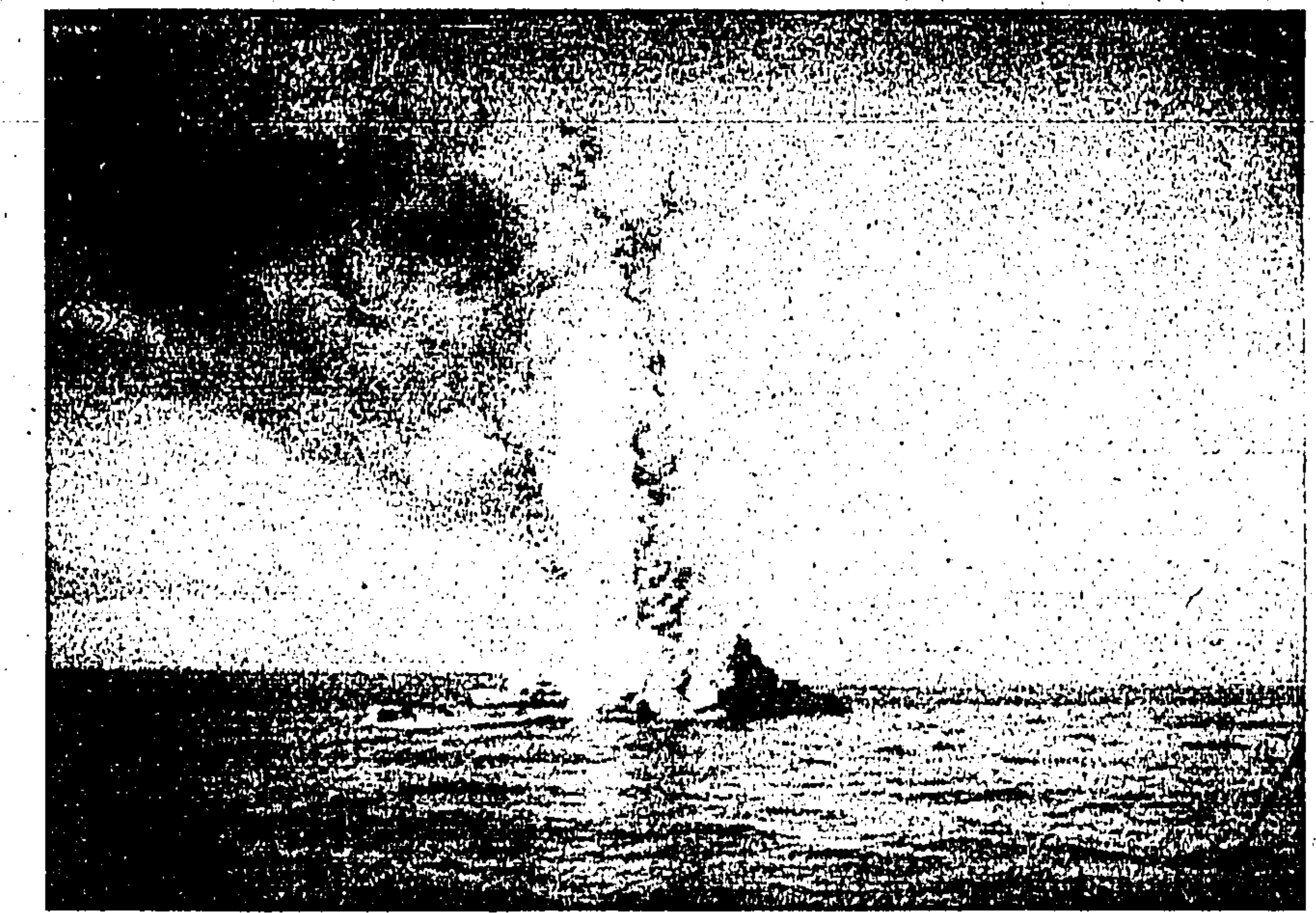
Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Oct. 27, (Domel).—According to the "Associated Press", Mussolini left Rome this evening for Florence, where, it is declared, he is to meet Marshal Petain.

Other reports say that General Franco and Hitler will also take part in the conversations.

In a dramatic story from Rome Reynolds Packard of the "United Press" describes how his telephone messages regarding Mussolini's move-

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY SINKS ITALIAN WARSHIP



Balkans Nervous Over New Turn

By Harold Peters
UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BUDAPEST, Oct. 27 (UP).—Whether the Italo-Greek incidents in Albania are a diversion in an effort to draw units of the British fleet from the East, or whether they are only a part of the war of nerves for keeping both the Balkans and the west at a tension until the Axis Powers are ready to make a real move, is the subject of much speculation to-night.

It has accomplished one thing: It has shocked the Balkans from the comparative ease of mind with which they viewed the events of the past week by focussing the spot-light on the potential dangers of their being drawn into the war.

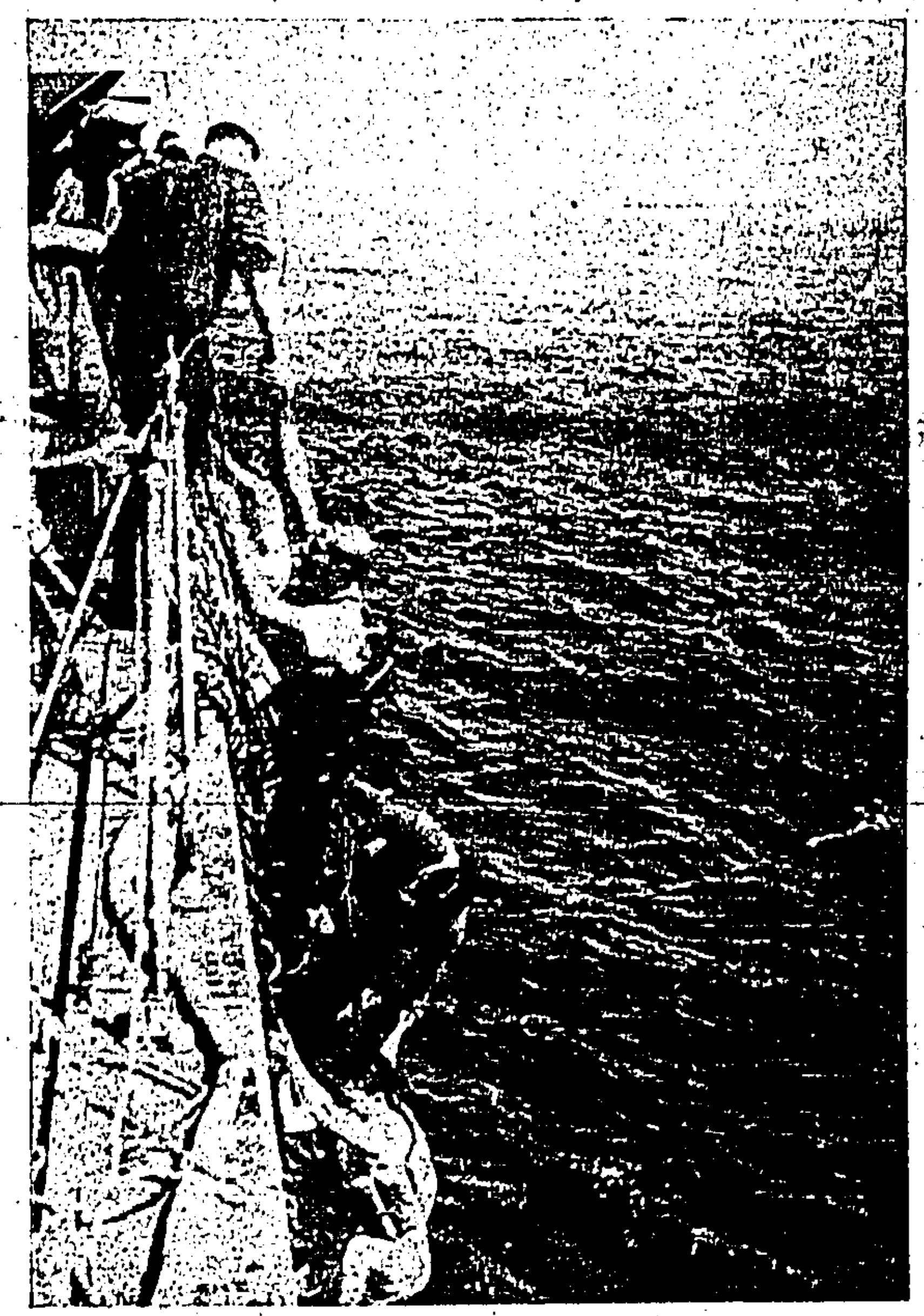
It may, or may not, be significant that the Rome correspondents of the Hungarian Government's newspapers to-day re-emphasized the Italian theme of the necessity for clearing the British fleet away from Greece before Italy will feel secure in the East. The same correspondents perceive the inter-relationships between the Albanian incident and Italy's re-announcement of an offensive against Egypt.

Some circles profess to believe that an Italian drive against Greece—a comparatively easy victory—would be undertaken only in case of the utter failure of a second drive against Egypt, in order to give the Italian public a quick success. It is pointed out that Italy has specialized in these tactics of combining the war of nerves in the press with the pressure on France's Alpine flank last summer, thus hindering full concentration of the French forces against the Germans.

May Be Camouflage

Similar strategy would be more difficult against Britain due to the quicker mobility of the fleet; nevertheless, a series of diplomatic and strategic actions alternating between the eastern and western Mediterranean serve the purpose of the Axis Powers to veil the real point they intend to attack.

Hungarian opinion interprets the Vichy emphasis on peaceful settlements as indicating that France will refrain from actively entering the war. This impression is also confirmed by Mr. Hull's sharp tongue and the reported pressure of the United States directly on Vichy.



THAILAND WAITING

For French To Move
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BANGKOK, Oct. 27 (UP).—Since the last rejection of Thailand's demands for a readjustment of the Indo-China border, the Government of Thailand has not communicated again with the French Government, according to an official communique issued to-night.

"The Thailand Government considers it the duty of the French themselves to examine Thailand's request in a sympathetic spirit and to give Thailand justice in this respect," the communique stated.

Two dramatic pictures showing the sinking of the Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni by the Australian warship Sydney during an engagement in the Mediterranean. Top picture shows the Bartolomeo Colleoni with smoke pouring from her just before she sank, and below survivors from the Italian warship being rescued by the Sydney.

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Australian Cabinet

Completion Announced

MELBOURNE, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Australia's reconstructed Federal Cabinet was announced to-day. It includes:

Mr. R. G. Menzies.—Prime Minister and Minister for Co-ordination of Defence and Information;
Mr. W. M. Hughes, the veteran ex-Prime Minister.—Attorney General and Minister for the Navy;
Mr. P. Spender.—Minister for the Army;

Mr. K. McEwen.—Minister for Air; Sir Earle Page.—Minister for Commerce;

Mr. A. W. Fadden.—Treasurer; Sir Frederick Stewart.—Minister for External Affairs, Social Services and Health;

Senator P. A. McBride.—Minister of Supply and Development and Munitions;

Mr. H. E. Holt.—Minister of Labour and National Service.

French Captives Encouraged

Petaun Visits Camps

CLERMONT-FERRAND, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—"Your liberation day will not long be delayed," said Marshal Petaun, addressing prisoners of war when he visited the French prisoners' camp at Amboise, according to the "Paris Soir".

After expressing sympathy, Petaun said: "You have perhaps believed that we were not thinking of you. Be patient."

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Cricket Club will be held in the Pavilion, TO-DAY at 5.30 p.m.

A. K. MACKENZIE,
Hon. Secretary.

Sing Tao Lucky To Draw With South China

(Continued from Page 6.)

nevertheless, this pair of backs played as well as ever, and always had the better of their opponents. Tam Kwan-hon played his usual safe game, and effected a couple of good waves.

It was not the same Sing Tao team that beat the Navy a week ago. The services of Lai Shiu-wing were sorely needed in the forward line. Tsui Ah-fai, playing at centre forward, was not happy in that position, and during the greater part of the game he was wandering about the field. Fung King-cheung did not reveal his old wizardry with his ball control and body swerves. He was well-marked by Lam Tak-po, and Lee Kwok-wai who, between them, allowed this versatile player very little freedom. Kwok Ying-kie, playing at inside left, besides scoring both goals, was forever on the move. He initiated many of the attacks, but found co-operation not so easily forthcoming. The two wingers were too well watched to be of much use.

Lack Of Understanding. Comparing the intermediate line, I must say that Sing Tao's trio of Lau Tin-sang, Leung Wing-chiu and Soong Ling-sing were not very happy as a combination. There was a lack of understanding between them, and the wing halves allowed their wingers too much rope to roam about the field, with the result that the backs were called upon to do a bigger share of the work. Leung Wing-chiu, playing his first league game of the season, was not quite himself. Perhaps with a man like Lee Wai-tong to watch, he was not able to reveal his best, yet he found time now and again to get his forwards moving.

But for backs, Hou Yung-sang and Li Tin-sang, Sing Tao would assuredly have lost. Every time South China's success depended on getting past this pair of backs, who worked like Trojan and effected many a dangerous clearance. Cheong Wing-choi had more to do than his opposite number. He was called upon to clear his charges more often than in his other games, and could not help the two goals scored against him. Many a threatening situation was handled by him cleverly.

On the whole, South China had more of the play than their opponents. Whereas they were content with long passes, Sing Tao indulged in too many close passing bouts, with the result that they were very often robbed of the ball. Another fault in Sing Tao's defence was that their halves went too far up field. Whenever South China's forwards attacked, they were left standing way back. There was more co-ordination and team play in South China's team than in Sing Tao's. Without Lai Shiu-wing, the Sing Tao forward line was at sixes and sevens.

South China.—Tam Kwan-hon; Tsang Chung-wan, Lee Kwok-wai; Lau Hing-chung, Lam Tak-po, Tse Kam-hung; Tso Kwai-sing, Lee Tak-kee, Lee Wai-long, Lau Chung-sang, Lee Shek-yau.

Sing Tao.—Cheong Wing-choi, Hou Yung-sang, Li Tin-sang, Lau Tin-sung, Leung Wing-chiu, Soong Ling-sing; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheung, Tsui Ah-fai, Kwok Ying-kie, Ip Pak-wah.

Austin Road Robberies

Sunday Morning Bag

Several Austin Road residents lost money and property when their flats were entered by thieves yesterday morning.

Mr. Hammond's room at 128 Austin Road, first floor, was entered by some person by means of a duplicate key. Money and jewellery valued at \$150 were stolen.

Mrs. Casals, of No. 140, lost money and jewellery amounting to \$145, and Mrs. Bruce, of the same address, had a watch stolen, valued at \$15.

The thefts were committed before 9 a.m. yesterday.

China's Southern Transport

Better Road Join Kwang

SHUIKWAN, Oct. 28 (Central News).—Transportation between Kwangtung and Kwangsi has been greatly facilitated by the newly-completed inter-provincial highway for traffic on October 25. The road passes through Shuiquan, Taiyuan, Kanhsien, Hsingkuo, Taiho and Kian.

Large consignments of goods are now transported by trucks between the two provinces.



French Congo Revolt: Victory For Gen. De Gaulle's Forces

Special to the "Telegraph"

VICHY, Oct. 27 (UP).—Dissident French troops who have rallied to General de Gaulle and who are commanded by General de la Minat, advancing through forests from the Congo Valley, have virtually surrounded Lambarene village and fortress, deep in the brush of the hinterland of Gabon which is remaining loyal to the Vichy Government. Other points assailed are Libreville, the colonial capital and the port of the Vichy Government on the coast.

The dissident forces were obliged to cross 300 miles of forest and brush to surround the loyalists and native blacks. The encirclement coincided with a bombardment of Lambarene by French planes operating under Colonel de la Minat's orders from bases near Brazzaville on the Congo.

Heavy Casualties

The Ministry for the Colonies has no further news regarding the dissidents' attacks since the report was brought out by a runner. This report told of the air raid which cost heavy casualties of both blacks and whites. With the village encircled it is impossible to evacuate either the black or white population trapped in the village when the planes came over.

General Weyand is now in North Africa organising a powerful force to be dispatched by air to the relief of the besieged points in an effort to prevent a spread of de Gaulle's dissidents. However, it will be difficult to add Lambarene which is at least 1,000 miles from the nearest loyalist base.

De Gaulle's War Government

LONDON, Oct. 27 (UP).—General De Gaulle has proclaimed the creation of a French "War Government" to carry on the war against Germany in repudiation of Marshal Petain's regime's latest "surrender" to Hitler's demands.

In a broadcast from Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo, General De Gaulle announced the formation of an Empire Council of Defence to lead the French overseas possessions in joining his "Free French" cause.

The creation of the new Council, "having all the duties of a war government" was announced after General De Gaulle's headquarters in London had repudiated Petain's new collaborationist agreement with Germany as a "sacrifice".

General De Gaulle announced in his broadcast that he assisted the Defence Council to exercise in the French overseas possessions the powers formerly performed by the Chief of State and the Council of Ministers, thus the overseas France of the De Gaulle's regime intends to take over the powers claimed by Petain and the Vichy regime.

Japan And The D.E.I.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Oct. 28 (UP).—"It is Japan's duty to free the Dutch East Indies from dependence on foreign powers, for which reason Japan is willing to terminate the present meaningless hostilities (referring to the Sino-Japanese war)," declares the "Sin Shun Pao," Japanese army organ in an editorial to-day.

The paper also assailed President Roosevelt's speech in which, it says, "he openly indicted China to prolong hostilities in order to realise America's world hegemony."

POLICE PROMOTIONS

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr. Archibald Henry Elston and Mr. William Richard Chester-Woods to act as Assistant Superintendents of Police as from October 17, until further notice.

Attention Centres On Threat To Gibraltar

ZURICH, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Political observers here expect fresh German military action to follow very closely on the Petain-Hitler agreement.

Indications to this effect are supported by Italian Press forecasts of imminent action in the Eastern Mediterranean.

In Swiss comment, Gibraltar is openly mentioned as the next probable objective for an Axis attack.

Meanwhile diplomatic observers here consider that the silence of the Vichy Government regarding proposals to Marshal Petain is significant. It is felt that the Vichy Government is reluctant to reveal the terms to the French people before they can be faced with a fait accompli.

Reports that two Cabinet meetings were held at Vichy before Petain accepted the German terms indicate that Petain had to overcome strong

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FIRE IS READY TO DEFEND

New Security Force

DUBLIN, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—The Irish Government is doing everything in its power to secure the necessary arms for a local security force of 100,000 men, said Mr. Eamon De Valera to-day.

Their desire to remain at peace was not a sufficient guarantee, he said. Warring groups might think it to their advantage to take possession of the whole or part of the country.

The local security force had been established to give the country one possible guarantee, namely, if attacked, they will defend themselves.

They were not yet armed, but he knew the country would gladly bear the cost of providing arms.

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A total of \$1,403,325.45 was reached on Sunday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S.C.M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

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2.15 Close down.

6.0 Chausson—Symphony in B Flat Major, Op. 20.

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6.32 Songs by Hubert Eisdell (Tenor).

6.43 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.45 Arthur Rubinstein at the Piano.

Capriccio in B Minor, Op. 70 (Brahms); Cordoba (Albeniz); Evocation (Albeniz).

7.10 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Topical Talks.

7.30 Dennis Noble (Baritone) and the London Palladium Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Studio—A French Recital by Denise Carroll (Soprano) and A. T. Lay (Piano).

1. Dr. Gradus ad Parnassum (from "Children's Corner" Suite—Debussy); A. T. Lay at the Piano;

2. (a) Le Printemps (Reynaldo Hahn); (b) L'invitation au Voyage (Duparc); Denise Carroll (Soprano) with Piano; 3. Clair de Lune (from Suite "Bergamasque"—Debussy); A. T. Lay at the Piano;

4. (a) Gavotte de Perles—Bizet; (b) Il est doux, Il est bon (from "Herodiade"—Massenet); Denise Carroll (Soprano) with Piano;

5. Ballade (Debussy); A. T. Lay at the Piano.

8.45 Studio—Talk: "Alarms and Excursions" by Dr. Winifred Cullis.

9.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

9.30 A Czechoslovakian Programme with a Talk from the Studio.

10.0 Songs by The Comedy Harmonists.

10.10 Quentin Maclean at the Organ.

Serenade (Heykens); China Doll Parade (Zamecniak); Babbling (Maclean).

10.20 Compositions of Richard Strauss.

11.0 Close down.

HELPING EVACUEES

Victoria League In Australia

Letters from the branches of the Victoria League in Melbourne and Brisbane to the branch of the League in Hongkong, tell of the assistance which has been extended to evacuees from the Colony.

When the evacuees arrived in Australia, the League had cards printed welcoming them, and as a result many called on the League's officials, who were able to give them much advice on different matters as well as arrange for their introduction to suitable people in the country.

Assistance has also been given to evacuees by the Queensland Government Bureau and the New Settlers League in Brisbane, whilst the Y.W.C.A. has done a great deal.

In Melbourne, a Hongkong Visitors' Association has been formed as the result of a suggestion by the Colony's representative, Dean Wilson. The Committee of the Association is composed of representatives of the Army and Navy in Australia and a Hongkong representative of each of these Services, and a civilian representative.

Co-ordination of various efforts being made to help the visitors with their many problems is proceeding. "We hope you will think this is living up to the League's main objective," says Mrs. Stanley Addison, General Secretary of the Melbourne branch, "and we welcome this opportunity of bringing closer together all these British subjects, which in these difficult days is surely more desirable than ever."

Many reports are reaching here indicating the growing anxiety of the French public for a British victory, but beside these must be placed the fact that France is, in effect, an authoritarian State with Laval as the controlling power.

As regards Spain, diplomatic circles here are convinced that General Franco is unwilling to involve Spain in war but he will probably be unable to resist if faced with a choice between voluntarily or involuntarily allowing the German Army to pass through Spain.

Reports that two Cabinet meetings were held at Vichy before Petain accepted the German terms indicate that Petain had to overcome strong

It is notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, for an A.R.P. Report Centre at Hung Hom Police Station, will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office, until noon of Monday, November 4.

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DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney

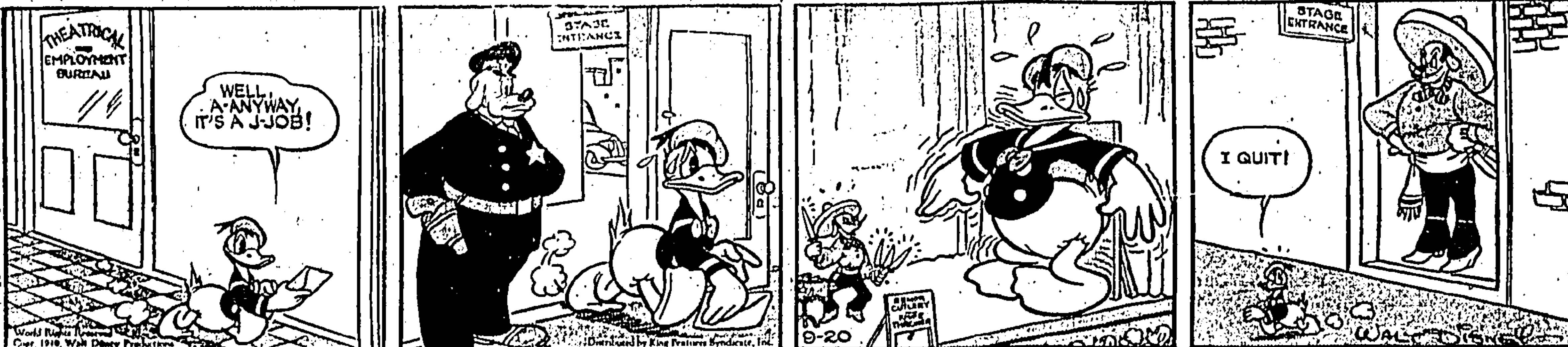
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MAGAZINE PAGE

IS THIS HITLER'S PLAN FOR INVASION?

THERE have just appeared in the "New York Herald-Tribune" two articles by "A Diplomat From Europe," who adopts the pseudonym of Henry L. Moore.

They deal with events in France, Germany and Italy just before Mussolini entered the war; and the second article concludes with an outline of the Axis plan to invade Britain.

Among the statements made during a discussion of happenings before the Italian entry are that it was a speech by Mr. Chamberlain at the beginning of May, in which Britain's unpreparedness was made apparent, which decided Hitler to launch his attack on Holland and Belgium—an attack which, though long worked out by the German General Staff in minutest detail, had been delayed because of Goering's outright opposition and the doubts of Von Braunschweig, Hess and Himmler; that Mussolini, on the eve of the fall of Reynaud's Cabinet, had been sorely tempted by an offer, secretly made by Laval and Flandin, by which he would have secured without fighting for them Tunis, French Somaliland, Jibouti and the Somali Abnaba Railway, and representation on the governing board of the Suez Canal plus concessions, including demilitarisation of Malta which the French would persuade Britain to grant; that the knowledge that Italy was unprepared for war and would risk catastrophe if the conflict were prolonged made Mussolini hesitate until an indig-

"A Diplomat From Europe"
just arrived in the United States has there published what purports to be the inside story of Hitler's invasion of the Low Countries, of Italy's entry into the war, and of a joint Italo-German plan for the invasion of Britain.

nant command accompanied by a promise to satisfy generously all of Italy's longings came from Hitler, whereas the Duce's doubts were cast overboard; and that on hearing that Mussolini had rejected all offers and was entering the war, Francois Poncelet, the French Ambassador at Rome, sadly remarked, "This is the first case in history where a country offered the chance to receive all peacefully prefers to fight for it in a war which is dubious as to its outcome."

The author of the article says that the final programme for combined Italo-German action against Britain was mapped out at a secret conference between Hitler and Mussolini in Munich on June 18.

One of its aspects involved pressure upon Franco, designed to bring about Spain's open adherence to the Axis and to secure his assent to the expansion of Mussolini's bases in the Balearics, the renewal of Italian bases in the Canary Isles, the strengthening of Italo-German forces at Tangier, and the eventual utilisation of Ceuta for a joint blow at Gibraltar.

It has been "as yet impossible" to secure more than an ambiguous declaration from

Franco or to supplant him with his amenable brother-in-law Suner. But, says the author, the centre of the entire scheme is the plan for the operations against Britain.

"So far the German people have neither seen nor tasted the fruits of Hitler's victories. The daily bombing raids of the R.A.F. are proving increasingly effective in deepening the moral depression in the Reich. Germans react sharper than other European nationals to warfare over their territory.

"Therefore Hitler must hurry. Without the seizure of the British Isles and the end of the blockade, his present conquest of Europe is fraught with menace to himself. His great victory threatens to degenerate into catastrophe."

Here is the plan for invasion as sketched by this diplomat from Europe: "Wide preparations for invasion have already been made. At Calais and all along the shore, where the English Channel is narrowest, super-heavy artillery has been installed.

"In all ports from Antwerp to Boulogne and down to Brest, Nazi troops, told off for invasion, are being concentrated. These include 200,000 Italian troops, transferred here mostly from the army of the Po. A great many small ships are gathered here, also swift cutters and motorised rafts which can take heavy guns and tanks.

"The rafts are able to enter shallow waters and to touch the very shores. Everywhere on the Nazi-occupied Continent, near the waters separating it from England, aerodromes have been built especially for troop-carrying planes. "High speed experiments are being carried out with a new enlarged type of amphibian tank which can be towed over part of its water route. At various points in Germany trials have been made in mass movements of light tanks and cannon by air.

"The plan foresees landing operations of two kinds—feinting and actual. The former category is meant to divert the attention and forces of the British. The Nazi and Fascist personnel attempting this task are not expected to survive.

"In actual operations, the Axis is also 'ready to lose, either in crossing the Channel or on landing, many of the vanguard detachments. However, those who follow the vanguard are expected by the Axis staff to gain a foothold on the English shores and to make possible further landings of infantry, tanks, artillery and all other vital equipment.

"The soldiers who survive the English fire on the first day will thus be the nucleus of a great army made up of a constant stream of reinforcements. Parachute landings are to be effected, parallel to the landings from the sea.

"To this will be added the work of the troop-carrying planes, which are to land tanks to preliminary efforts of dive-bombers and paratroopers. Everything, including gas, will be used by the Axis in this supreme gamble.

"The Italians are expected to be the main cannon fodder of the English in the Channel, the North Sea, and the Bay of Biscay. For this is the time when Mussolini must 'show his hand'—proving that he is in truth the ally of the Nazi Reich.

"The men participating in the first operations, especially of the feinting type, are considered to be doomed men. Therefore ninety per cent of them are to be Italians. In the subsequent landings the percentage of Germans will grow, while that of Italians will diminish. If the operations succeed, the troops fighting well inland are to be overwhelmingly German.

"If Hitler wins the laurel wreath of victory, Mussolini's share will be but a few dry leaves."



Give the old boy another three minutes, then make a noise like a siren

AMERICA'S STRENGTH

By Mack Johnson
United Press Staff Correspondent

United States land, sea and air forces, are now well in excess of 900,000 and intensified recruiting campaigns may soon put the total at 1,000,000 or more.

A survey by the United Press, on August 27, revealed total military and naval forces, including aviation, of 919,807.

Under the conscription measure passed by Congress, the army proposes to draft 400,000 men between 21 and 31 years by Jan. 1, 1941, and another 300,000 in April. The President recently signed legislation empowering him to order out the National Guard and reserve officers.

The latest statistics on strength of the services show:

	Enlisted Men	Officers	Total
Navy	143,747	10,769	154,516
Marines	29,000	1,304	30,304
Navy Reserve (X)	40,338	40,338	80,676
Marine (X)	15,076	15,076	30,152
Army	229,000	14,000	243,000
National Guard	223,000	15,000	238,000
Army Reserve Officers	120,000	120,000	240,000
Enlisted Reserves	17,500	17,500	35,000
Totals	758,644	101,163	859,807

(X)—Includes officers on which specific figures unavailable.

Although all are at peace-time level, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and National Guard are below authorised strengths. The Army's goal is 375,000 men, and is receiving more than 30,000 new recruits each month. The National Guard's authorised strength is 235,000 men.

The Navy, which accepted 9,089 recruits during July, has an authorised strength of 170,000 men. It is planning to expand training centres at Great Lakes, Ill., Norfolk, Va., Newport, R.I., and San Diego, Calif., to meet expansion for a "two ocean" navy. These stations have been training about 5,000 men per month but will be expanded to handle 7,000 by Oct. 1, and 10,000 by Jan. 1, 1941.

The Marines have nearly reached their authorised strength of 32,000 men. They recruited 7,198 during July.

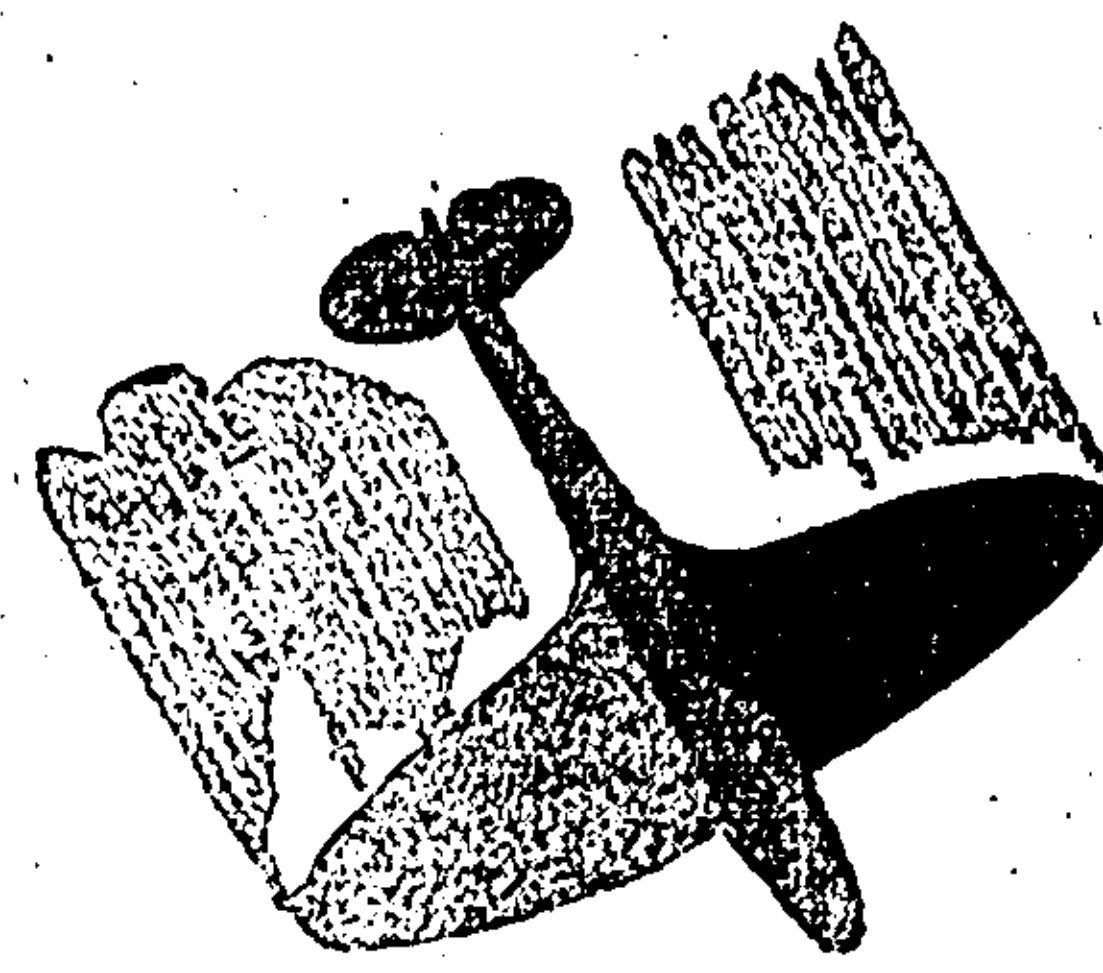
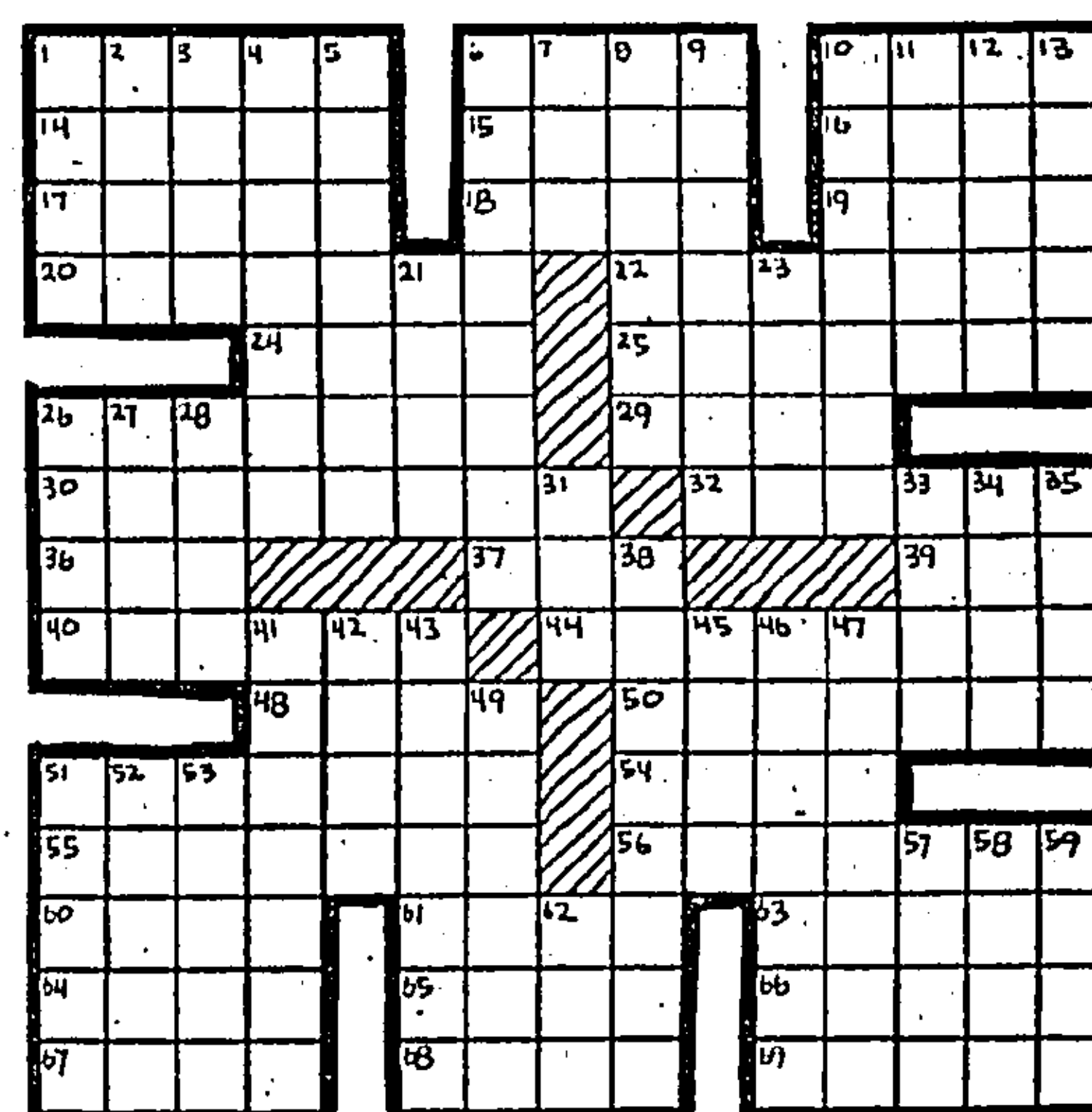
War Department and budgetary officials are working on details of the costs of the projected National Guard mobilisation and conscription programmes. It was estimated that congress probably would be asked to appropriate about \$1,305,000,000 for the 935,000 guardsmen, reserved officers, and draftees, who would see service during the current fiscal year ending July 1, 1941, if present plans are approved. It was estimated that it would cost about \$1,400 for each person drafted on the basis of the \$21 monthly basic pay of enlisted men.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Block of glacier ice
2—North African Arab
3—1901
4—Black Australian
5—Cocktail
6—"I'll be in two
7—constellations
8—Modern robotman
9—Part that rotates
10—Biological protective
11—device
12—Self-centered people
13—Lateral boundary
14—Leak pipe
15—First day
16—Blindfold
17—Arctic marine
18—animal
19—Dove
20—Tale-bearer
21—Hard water
22—Persecution of
23—justice
24—Vexatious
25—In bed
26—Money-lenders
27—Circumstance
28—Respiratory organ
29—Traveling bag
30—Negroid race of
31—Oceania
32—Ten cents
33—Less common

DOWN
1—Rodeo
2—Excited emotionally
3—Lied
4—Premeditated killer
5—Furtive
6—Of account
7—City in Burma
8—One who poisons
9—Fountain
10—Pony
11—Squire
12—Garden of Paradise
13—Palm tree
14—Indian mountain
15—Bass
16—Brain eruption
17—Gusto
18—Fancies
19—Permeated grape
20—Juice
21—Taste out
22—Large size
23—Sea-going soldiers
24—Crested bird of Egypt
25—Quail
26—Chinese pig-saw
27—Puzzle
28—Ingratiate one
29—Want something
30—Genus of oaks
31—Literary
32—Winged
33—Common metal
34—Walt upon
35—Unworked metals
36—Male



In Germany the targets included the docks at Kiel and Wilhelmshafen, the transformer station at Kolsterback, near Frankfurt, the Messerschmitt factory at Augsburg, oil tanks and supply depots at Mannheim, and secret aerodromes... In Italy the Fiat works at Turin and the Marcelli Magneto factory at Sesto San Giovanni were again attacked... In enemy-occupied France oil tanks in the Gironde Estuary near Bordeaux, at Pauillac, near Brest and at Cherbourg were bombed.

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The Last Stand of Jock Evans

By ROBERT J. CASEY

HOTSPOT, Southeast England, Sept. 17.—In the larger matters of threatened invasion by aerial bombs and artillery fire people have given little thought to Jock Evans upon whose thin breast nobody will ever pin any medals even posthumously.

He will never have a public funeral with muffled drums, muted trumpets and such like tokens of civic gratitude. It is most unlikely that he will ever have any funeral at all.

The future historian looking over this war with the proper perspective, without worry about his own comfort or his own skin, may consider this unimportant. But from where this observer sits in the rockpile at the end of the trajectory, Jock Evans seems something more than one man who may have been over-heroeic and over-stubborn at the same time.

So far as concerns the elements that have made England to date, he was an architect's model for the spirit of the British Empire.

Jock Evans, to get on with it, was, in his most recent career, an Air Raid Precautions warden. In a year's drill in how to put on the gas

mask, how to revive fainting women, how to direct people to the nearest shelter, he would never have shown more than ordinary aptitude.

In the years before the war he had done nothing to distinguish himself. He had some sort of dock job where the dust hadn't been too good for his lungs. Because of bad eyes and other deficiencies, he had been rejected for military service even at the end of the last war when medical examiners hadn't been so particular.

Jock Evans was on duty the night the big crump fell in the garden by the crossroads.

He had been on duty most nights in the past month, with seldom an all-clear. He had phoned to the central control at 11 p.m. that he had seen a bright light somewhere. His superiors, remembering Jock, suspected it might be somebody with a too bright cigar.

He had stationed himself near the telephone kiosk on the edge of an outlying suburb where the artillery shells still land each day when the town is shelled. He had had no occasion to move from his post at midnight when the big crump fell.

The big crump was a time bomb—and a big one.

He told this to his chief in his report a minute later.

"Where is it?" inquired his chief.

"In the garden," said Jock.

Then the order "Get people out, empty nearby houses, and keep people away."

"Yes sir," said Jock Evans.

There have been some hints that in what followed after his report to control, Jock didn't show any great judgment, but the same night he had been said of Dewey if he had run into a mine in Manila Bay.

Follows His Orders
Jock followed out his orders. In less than an hour he had evacuated the few homes in the immediate vicinity. Then he stationed himself to warn off traffic.

pass afoot, on bicycles, and in automobiles. The odd feature of a community which is being continuously bombed is the inquisitive interest in lethal hazards. Jock Evans suddenly found himself alone in a two-man job. The bomb lay almost at the junction of two lanes, giving access to it from four directions.

Mr. Evans solved this problem as best he could. He roped off the street 100 yards behind the bomb, then took up his post at the middle of the crossing.

Dozens of persons heard and heeded his call during the next two hours—"Time bomb here, keep away, keep away." One of those who passed was the priest of the neighbourhood Anglican Church, to whom is owing the best description of Jock Evans' last stand.

"My Duty Is To Stay"

"He hardly needed to point out the bomb," said the padre. "It was lying there in a grass plot right behind him, and it was evident he knew all about it. His face was white and drawn but there wasn't any tremor in his voice.

"I had told him to get away from the corner, block off the streets with ropes. But he said, 'My duty is to stay here. Please, go on, sir. Don't set a bad example.' I went to telephone for help."

The bomb went off at 9:10, blew a crater 40 feet wide. No trace has been found of Evans.

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AXIS—Round and Round

IT is interesting to speculate on the possibilities of Hitler's grand manoeuvre in Europe to-day for it gives us a glance at the enormous difficulties that lie behind moves which are apt to seem terrifying to us on the Allied side if we allow the mere bulk of the pro-Axis or Axis-influenced world to dominate our thoughts.

Should Hitler's dream come true, Spain and France will turn offensive weapons on the British Isles to make complete and just the will of European nations about us—with the exception of Portugal whose influence on our behalf would be negligible with such powerful enemies behind her.

It may be that Spain has been promised the restoration of Portugal to the old empire of Castile if it staunch little ally should prove an impediment to total warfare conducted from the Iberian Peninsula. If such a bargain has not yet been struck, maybe it is because Germany doesn't want to see another disposition of Colonies until she is better equipped to share the race.

The actual effect of a successful Hitler diplomacy would not add greatly to the weight of attack that Britain has to sustain. French or Spanish troops would hardly fight with vigour against the Allies because for one reason they don't want to fight anybody now and secondly because their grievances against the Allies are more theoretical than real. Their fleets and air forces are not considerable.

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A battle of infantry would have to be fought and a logical scene for such a battle—discounting an invasion of Great Britain—would be North Africa. Happily we have had time to prepare our plans.

The Balkans have long been a melting pot of policies, racial warfare and commercial juggling. The so-called adherence to the Axis of Hungary and Rumania, the hesitation of Bulgaria and the trepidation of Yugoslavia need not worry us much now. Hitler has exposed their fundamental weakness; he will find it much more difficult to pour them into the Axis mould.

With Turkey and Russia standing grimly on the Reich's artificial frontiers, Hitler must be careful not to strain his new found allies. They represent so much dead weight and are likely to do so for some time. Greece is a different matter, but it is certainly unlikely that any ultimatum to this plucky little country will be accepted without a fight in which the British Navy would help to give the Axis a metallic and complete answer.

I'VE SEEN MY FIRST AIR RAID

By
IRIS CARPENTER

Iris Carpenter is a well-known London journalist. She is married, with two children, and lives in south-east England. During the first phase of the air war against Britain she was at home when an air battle blazed into life above her. Despite the horror and noise of it all she recorded what she saw and felt. Her description of the battle is as vivid as anything that has so far been written by observers of war, 1940.

I've seen my first air raid. Taken cover in my shelter from necessity instead of caution.

I've filled with experience the fabric of imagination concerning those graphic phrases we've read so often these past months.—Roar of guns... Thud of bombs... Scream of 'planes... Chatter of machine guns!

I've wondered so often what it would all be like if the threat should ever materialise to make the bit of sky above "our" bit of the world black with menace. If Death should ride some moonlight night or some bright sunny morning, over "our" garden. Somehow I never thought it would.

Never thought that with all its dread insistence this war would ever hurl itself at little insignificant bits of my world like my little shopping area, my bit of road, the fields and woods where my children play. It seemed so silly that anything so big could ever be so small and personal.

But that's the way it is.

To-day I've picked up scores of machine gun bullets from my lawn and among my roses. A Dornier bomber flew across my garden no higher than the trees which fringe it. I could see each member of the crew clearly enough to distinguish features.

The first of the dozen bombs dropped created a large crater behind our garden. The plane itself is spilt over the field from which earlier in the morning we had gathered blackberries for our luncheon picnic.

We had just served luncheon when the sirens wailed. There was nothing to tell us that the warning would herald anything more exciting than previous ones had done. Twice we had heard distant gunfire. Once nothing at all—not even the drone of an airplane.

The children—I have a daughter of ten and a son of nine—were hungry.

"Let's take lunch down to the shelter," they suggested. Each carrying a plate of roast beef and vegetables (yes, we still have roast beef in Britain) and one of blackberry pie and cream we walked through the garden to our first underground meal.

The drone of aircraft as we went through the garden was very great. "Must be our craft off to attack" we thought.

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against the blue sky, in a long drawn scream to earth.

The silence following the crash came sharp as the jolt with which one falls off a cliff in a dream. Silence broken almost before it fell by the same ghastly noise again... and again...

I had broken the rule of all honourable and law abiding citizens without realising it. Instead of remaining safely under cover, I found myself standing at the top of the steps leading down to the shelter. Mother instinct, however, had made me shut the shelter door.

Drama streaked towards me from every part of the sky. Right above my house a Spitfire and a Messerschmitt banked and dived and spat fire at one another in the first dog-fight I have ever seen. Three other planes joined them in a flash—whether British or German it was impossible to say.

The noise was deafening. Yet, however loud the roar of engines and the scream of diving planes became, nothing seemed to cover the sharp rattle of machine guns as burst after burst clattered over the sky. One, two, three planes streaked away, smoke pouring from them. "Mustn't think they'll all crash," I said. "They may be putting up a smoke screen to get away."

Dive bombers, machine-gunning the roads, added to the inferno and made me run quickly down the steps of the shelter. I got a good view from the bottom, with a margin of safety from behind the parapet of sandbags with which the entrance to the shelter is protected.

There was a roar like thunder behind me as a huge Dornier came slowly over the trees, followed by a Spitfire. Again it was a four-hundred-mile-an-hour dive so rapidly it seemed that it must crash into the garden. Actually it came down about a quarter of a mile away—in the blackberry field. It was the plane protection. Together these two wheeled in a thrumming crescendo of noise away out of sight over the trees.

More Spitfires appeared magnificently in their ruthless and spectacular tenacity as a shattering crump throbbed its way up from the ground... right through my bones to bump our churchyard. Another Hitler's stomach. So far under-ground that was the most I could take in which our gardener feel physically of the concussion lives. There are dozens of of the first bomb I heard fall on others within a few miles' native land.

A dozen came down in quick succession. I experienced sad and who serves my meat captured mess for brave men who must the crew of one plane. They die, horror at the manner of shew me the plane's camera. their dying, admiration for the courage of the pilots in the nerve-rendering excitement of air combat.

These had cleared thought of the dread purpose of it all, which was to drop these monstrous missiles so as to harrow the soil and numb the heart; to hurt people, ordinary people who have done nothing to deserve it, to hurt them dreadfully, to break up their bodies and split open their homes.

With the bombing over, every woman are hating too, just as I thing seemed to stop for a little while. I went into the shelter I am. "No one is going to get away with this sort of thing."

"THE DESTROYERS COME TO SAVE"

By "Strategicus"

In the state of uneasy waiting into which the war has drifted the welcome addition of the re-conditioned destroyers from the United States mark a significant change. They are of course old types; but very similar to one of the classes of British destroyers which has done excellent work. They are gunned sufficiently and have an anti-aircraft defence that will protect them against a menace which has arisen since they last saw active service. Their number can best be measured by the reflection that they represent almost thirty per cent. of the destroyer strength with which Britain entered the war.

It is not so obvious, that this good, and the risks of invasion reinforcement, will appreciably are to that extent increased. Clearly it must increase the difficulties of any attempted invasion; and this is the purpose of Germany's present activity against Britain.

The plethora of air-raids can have no other explanation. They attempt to destroy the Royal Air Force by bombing its aerodromes and the destruction of the Royal Air Force is only a means to a further end, the invasion and destruction of Britain.

From the necessity of seeking a speedy decision and for some months it has been obvious that only the destruction of Britain will yield it. But there has recently risen above the horizon a new factor which makes the need of a decision even more imperative.

Goebbels and Hitler have made it clear that the British air offensive, which for so long they affected to ignore, is really injuring Germany in material as well as in morale.

To check this offensive Hitler recognises he must defeat Britain. He has found it impossible to force back the Royal Air Force concentration sufficiently far from the coast to secure a chance of landing an expeditionary force under cover of his Air Force, cross-Channel guns and small naval vessels; and in any case he would have to deal with the Navy.

Gloomy before, the outlook is now almost completely forbidding. It has been admitted that the surrender of France gravely changed the naval situation; and even when the French capital ships were dealt with, the shortage of smaller craft remained a handicap.

That shortage has now to a considerable extent been made up and them playing the gramophone, unaware of all that had been going on over their heads. My son was indignant at being kept "cooped up." "If this is going on," he said, bitterly, "there might just as well not be any raids at all."

A friend came in from next door with a cup of tea. She has an electric kettle in her shelter and can accordingly provide hot drinks there at any hour of the day or night.

We had just started gratefully to drink it when a fresh fight came slowly over the trees, followed by a Spitfire. Again it was a four-hundred-mile-an-hour dive so rapidly it seemed that it must crash into the garden. Actually it came down about a quarter of a mile away—in the blackberry field. It was the plane protection. Together these two wheeled in a thrumming crescendo of noise away out of sight over the trees.

More Spitfires appeared magnificently in their ruthless and spectacular tenacity as a shattering crump throbbed its way up from the ground... right through my bones to bump our churchyard. Another Hitler's stomach. So far under-ground that was the most I could take in which our gardener feel physically of the concussion lives. There are dozens of of the first bomb I heard fall on others within a few miles' native land.

A dozen came down in quick succession. I experienced sad and who serves my meat captured mess for brave men who must the crew of one plane. They die, horror at the manner of shew me the plane's camera. their dying, admiration for the courage of the pilots in the nerve-rendering excitement of air combat.

These had cleared thought of the dread purpose of it all, which was to drop these monstrous missiles so as to harrow the soil and numb the heart; to hurt people, ordinary people who have done nothing to deserve it, to hurt them dreadfully, to break up their bodies and split open their homes.

With the bombing over, every woman are hating too, just as I thing seemed to stop for a little while. I went into the shelter I am. "No one is going to get away with this sort of thing."

There is, however, another direction in which the reinforcement will be even more welcome. The Service commanders do not fear the invasion; but it has to be admitted that the lack of a sufficiency of smaller naval vessels has had an appreciable effect upon the shipping losses.

Figures for the eight weeks since the capitulation of France are now available, and though those of the second four weeks show a decrease of thirteen per cent. in sinkings, they are still too heavy for comfort. It was of course, inevitable that losses should increase. Germany is now in possession of the Dutch, Belgian and French Atlantic ports; the French fleet is no longer available and the Italian fleet at least compels the Royal Navy to divide its forces. These factors were bound to have their effect; and indeed it is incredible that the losses have not risen more.

During the last four weeks the weekly sinkings have twice been over 7,000 tons; but on one occasion they were as low as 39,007. Though they naturally vary and though Britain is now in control of more shipping tonnage than at the outbreak of the war, the losses are serious in view of the wide and widening range of uses to which the shipping has now to be put.

That effective steps are being taken to keep the sinking within bounds can be gathered from the fall of thirteen per cent. in the last four weeks as compared with the preceding period. Little more could be done without an increase in strength of the destroyer force.

The destroyers will also improve the situation in the Mediterranean. Capital ships owe their security very largely to the smaller craft which attend them when they leave port; that is they owe their effective mobility to cruisers and destroyers.

Everyone recognises the desirability of bringing the elusive Italian Navy to battle; but this is by no means easy in so great a sea as the Mediterranean, particularly when Italy, despite losses, still has a large number of submarines at her disposal.

The great enemy of the submarine is the destroyer. With its modern detecting apparatus and great speed the destroyer can pick up and trace the submarine to its hiding place; and when that is accomplished the submarine's days are over.

The United States destroyers, in giving the Mediterranean fleet greater mobility, will greatly increase its chance of bringing the Italian fleet to action. No one in Britain has any doubt about the result of any such clash; and the effect of an Italian defeat would be immediately felt over the eastern Mediterranean.

Even apart from a defeat, any increase of the British Navy in this area especially in its faster units will improve its patrolling power, and to that extent increasingly restrict the radius of action and influence of the Italian Navy.

On paper this is a strong and efficient fighting force; and while it is undefeated and retains a certain amount of liberty every State which borders the Mediterranean must feel its influence.

No one knows what Italy means by her bullying of Greece. Her manoeuvres in Syria are similarly a matter of mere speculation. But her broad design is to break British power in the Near East.

The British naval concentration in that area is quite sufficient to deal with the Italian Navy. But with this new increase in strength it will be able to forbid any hope of profiting by the attempted seizure of ports in Greece and make a land offensive valueless.

It will have its effect even on the East of Africa where the recent advance in Kenya shows that Italy means to exploit her nuisance value to the full.

The effect upon the morale of Italy and its influence upon neutral states must also be taken into account. At one stroke the war situation everywhere has been changed. Even where the change is slight it is significant; and in several directions it must be very considerable.

Norwegians Restless Under Quislings

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Anti-Quisling demonstrations and sabotage at Bergen have resulted in the introduction of a limited state of siege with a "dusk to dawn" curfew, according to reports.

Two people were killed and many injured in one demonstration outside premises commanded by the Quisling National Assembly movement where feeling ran particularly high.

Despite police reinforcements, the reports add, German troops have been frequently compelled to intervene.

It is stated that local leaders of this movement have now taken over municipal administration. There has been much sabotage, an example being the spoiling of a consignment of fish intended for Germany. Many persons have been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment at trials in camera for alleged offences ranging from tearing down posters to giving information to a foreign Power on internal conditions in Norway.

Several Killed

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 27 (UP).—Several persons are reported to have been killed and others injured during the clashes at political meetings recently at Bergen.

Press reports from Oslo say that the riot are aimed against the Nazi Party representatives who are said to have taken over the normal administration of the whole Bergen province—backed up by German troops and police.

Arrests have reached wholesale proportions. Some have been found guilty of espionage.

FOG IMPEDES RAIDERS

CHUNGKING, Oct. 28 (Central News).—A heavy fog impeded Japanese air bombings over Szechwan yesterday.

Two enemy squadrons of 21 and 15 machines respectively flew into the province. Owing to poor visibility, the raiders failed to locate their objectives and dropped bombs indiscriminately at two undisclosed places. All the missiles landed in open fields causing no damage except a few craters.

Most Bombed Envoy Of U.S. Is Kennedy

Special to the "Telegraph"

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (UP).—Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the United States most bombed Ambassador, returned here to-day aboard the Yankee Clipper to report to President Roosevelt the effect of the war against Britain.

He said he would not make any statements prior to meeting the President.

ADVICE TO CZECHS Urged To Hold On Longer

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—A definite transformation of all military operations next spring was promised his people by Dr. Edouard Benes, the Czechoslovak President, in a special broadcast to-night on the eve of the 22nd anniversary of their National Independence Day.

The absolute failure of all German attempts to invade England, the almost incalculable losses the Germans have suffered in their aerial adventures, the impenetrable blockade of Germany which will be ever more intensified by growing British air superiority—all these, Dr. Benes said, will lead, next spring, to a definite transformation of all military operations.

Internal troubles in Germany and German-occupied countries will do the rest. Referring to recent German attempts to persuade Czechoslovaks to organize meetings to proffer expressions of loyalty so that the world might suppose they are ready to collaborate with the Reich, Dr. Benes warned his people not to yield to this pressure.

"Keep Out" Warning To Americans

ROME, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—A warning to Americans to keep out of European concerns was uttered by the Duke of Postola in a speech to Black Shirts to-day at Turin.

He said that it was only right that Americans should control their own continent but it was not right that they should meddle in affairs which concerned only Europeans. "America for Americans and Europe for Europeans," said the Duke, who also declared that the "rule of gold and raw materials must be ended for ever and must be replaced by the people who produce and labour."

Canadian Securities Help War

Millions Involved

LONDON, Oct. (Reuter).—A large group of Canadian securities, running into many millions of sterling, has been transferred to the Treasury by order made under the Defence Regulations.

Two orders affect the Grand Trunk perpetual 4 per cent. consolidated debenture stock, a sterling issue of which there is about £24,500,000 outstanding and on which interest is guaranteed by the Government of Canada, while a third order deals with some 60 issues of Canadian railways and Canadian companies payable solely or optionally in Canadian dollars.

Orderly Sale

These securities have been vested in the Treasury with a view to their realisation in Canada in such a manner that sales in Canadian markets will be orderly and subject to careful regulation with regard both to amount and time.

The securities were vested in the Treasury on Saturday and first payments on them will be made on November 26. Owners of the securities affected are asked to deliver them forthwith to the Bank of England. Payment will be made in sterling in London after delivery is completed.

Benefit War Bonds

It is hoped that a substantial part of the money involved will be transferred to war bonds. In order to facilitate the arrangement for subscription of this money, the Bank of England will accept subscriptions for national war bonds of \$100 or larger sums in multiples of one penny and the Post Office will accept subscriptions of £25 and upwards (subject to a maximum of £1,000).

For defence bonds subscription must be for £5 or a multiple thereof, and no person may at any time hold defence bonds exceeding £1,000.

Frenchman With Unposted Letters

Lucien Peissier a French merchant aged 32, was summoned this morning to the Kowloon Magistracy for bringing letters into the Colony.

Instead of through the post in violation of the Communications Ordinance.

Sub-Inspector Flattery said Peissier was a passenger from Shanghai aboard the President Coolidge and he was found to have 24 letters in his possession—18 addressed to France and six to the United States. They were taken to the censor's office but nothing objectionable was found in them.

Peissier said that he intended to take the letters to the United States. He pleaded ignorance of the regulations.

Mr. Himsforth the Magistrate, issued a caution.

ITALY EXPECTS EXCITING EVENTS IN NEAR FUTURE

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Italians are being encouraged to expect exciting events in the coming week, according to direct and indirect messages from Rome.

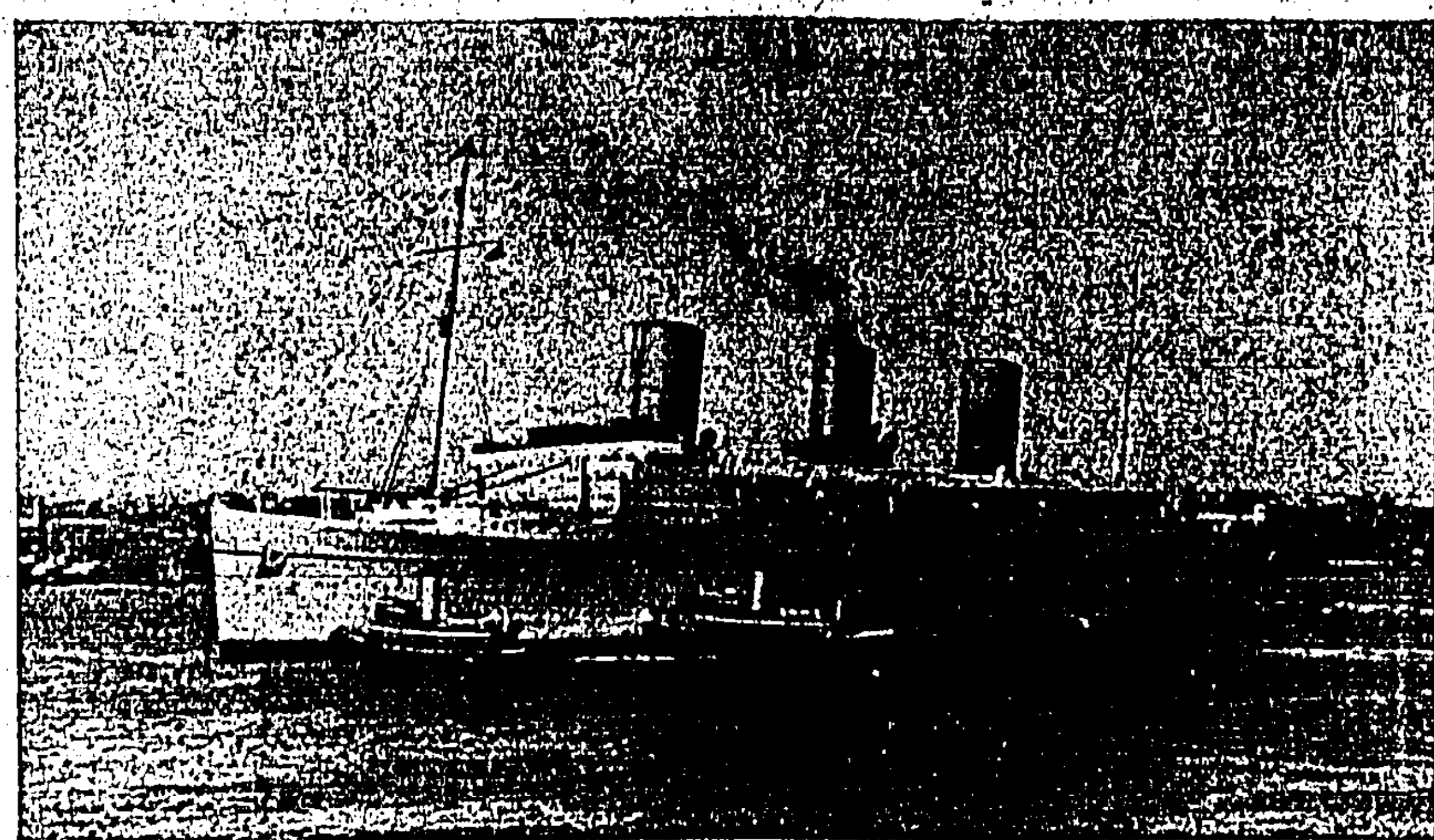
These messages refer to "force" in the recent German dealings.

The previous acknowledgment that hitherto Italy had been only "present in spirit" at Hitler's conclaves, especially with the Spanish leaders, is now replaced by an assurance that Italy will shortly intervene directly in the current Axis negotiations.

"Hitler's contacts with General Franco and Marshal Petain and those which may follow in the next few

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN HIT, SAYS BERLIN

BERLIN, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—A German High Command communique states that the Empress of Britain, which it described as a troopship, was attacked 60 miles west of Ireland, and was hit by a heavy bomb and caught fire, the crew taking to the boats.



AMERY SUMMARISES HITLER'S WAR MACHINATIONS

LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—"The Battle of Britain may not be over, but its issue, I believe, is already decided," said Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Secretary for India, in an address to-day. "The Battle of the Empire comes next," he continued. "Frustrated in the attempt to destroy our Commonwealth by one blow at its heart, Hitler will try to achieve his purpose by striking at the next vital point, namely our hold on the Mediterranean, our lifeline to the East, and particularly our position in Egypt and Palestine on both sides of the Suez Canal."

"If he could drive us out of there he could hope not only to secure the oil of Iraq, the cotton of Turkey and Egypt, but more important still, he could transport them by sea through the ports of his allies or vassals. He would have broken through our blockade and be in a position to threaten India and British Africa at close quarters."

"It is in the light of these aims that we must look at what has been happening in Rumania, what lies behind the conference that Hitler has been holding with Franco and Petain. "Where and how the attempt is to be made we cannot yet judge but it is up to us to beat it off as we have beaten off the attempt on this island. Then at last the time will come to turn the tables on our enemies and begin our own offensive."

Continuing Mr. Amery said England was not alone in its struggle against the Dictators. "It is not to this country alone that Hitler will have to look for forces that will gather together to encompass his downfall."

"At this moment a conference is assembled at Delhi of representatives of the Empire, east and south of Suez, to consider how the resources of all their territories can best be developed and mutually matched in order to produce the greatest volume of striking power in future."

"That is an immensely significant event in history. As Mr. Churchill said, it is calling into being a new world of armed strength to redress the balance of old."

Secondly Waterloo. After pointing out that the British air force will continue to cripple Germany's resources at home, Mr. Amery said: "In one sense, we settled the issue of the Napoleonic wars at Trafalgar, but it took another ten years before that victory was finally made good at Waterloo. We can hope, thanks to our growing air power, that Hitler's Waterloo will come much more swiftly and no less conclusively."

Referring to war aims, Mr. Amery declared: "We wish to see established for others principles which we believe fundamental to civilisation. We wish to see established in Europe elementary rights of justice and freedom for individuals; the right of minorities to be respected by the majorities, and of small nations to live in peace side by side with the greater ones—to see co-operation take the place of anarchy."

Meanwhile, our first task in the words of Pitt is to save ourselves by our exertions and Europe by our example."

Cold Kills Many Shanghai Homeless

CHUNGKING, Oct. 27 (Central News).—The sudden cold wave in Shanghai brought the number of deaths to about 500 yesterday.

Most of these who died of hunger and cold were paupers.

SOLICITOR FOR H.K. BAR Admitted To-day

Mr. Kan Yuet-keung, son of Mr. Kan Tong-po, Chief manager of the Bank of East Asia, was enrolled as a solicitor by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning.

The Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Attorney General, in making the application, said: "The applicant was born in the Colony on July 26, 1913, and educated at the Diocesan Boys' School and at the University of Hong Kong, where he obtained his degree of Bachelor of Arts in June, 1935."

"He then proceeded to England and was articled to Mr. Weldon, of the well-known firm of Gibson and Weldon. When Mr. Weldon retired, the articles were transferred to Mr. Burrows of the same firm."

"He was successful in his examinations in March this year, and was enrolled in the Supreme Court of England on June 1."

Addressing the applicant, Sir Atholl said: "It gives me great pleasure to accede to the prayer of the Attorney General and to order that your name be enrolled on the roll of solicitors and proctors of this Court, not only because you are your father's son, but also since you are returned from England, I have had the pleasure of meeting you personally and socially. I welcome you to what is a very honourable profession. I know that both your family traditions and the profession of your choice is safely in your hands."

"I think it is your intention to join the firm of Deacons, and on that also, I would like to congratulate you."

Mr. D. L. Strellett, representing the Law Society, and Mr. M. H. Turner, of Deacons, were also present.

French Developments Cause Dismay in U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—There is much speculation in the American newspapers to-day of the effect in Europe of any French-German alliance.

The developments in France have produced wide expressions of dismay. Mr. Cordell Hull's disclosure that President Roosevelt had sent a warning to Vichy is splashed on the front pages of the New York's morning press.

It is generally considered that Hitler's new programme is necessitated by the thwarting of his original plans by the Royal Air Force, and naval aid is considered to be his chief aim.

The belief, that the French people will revolt if the Vichy Government makes the war against Britain is again voiced by several papers.

CHINESE ATTACK BORDER POST

HANOI, Oct. 27 (UP).—The French to-day announced that on Saturday 400 Chinese troops attacked Phobang, a post on the Indo-China border.

Two French were wounded while the Chinese left numerous dead and wounded, added the report.

Patrol Clash Near Ethiopia

NAIROBI, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—One of our patrols was attacked by superior enemy forces near the Ethiopian border, 70 miles east of Lake Rudolf, says a communique.

The patrol withdrew successfully without loss from their post inflicting casualties on the enemy.

CABINET TO MEET

Laval Continues To Weave Web

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" VICHY, Oct. 27 (UP).—Marshal Petain has called a meeting of the French Cabinet for 5 p.m. on Monday instead of to-day, thus leaving time to prepare further reports on the political conversations of the past week.

Armed with the Government's approval of the principle of Franco-German collaboration, however, M. Laval to-day prepared for an early resumption of the negotiations for elaborate political and economic collaboration.

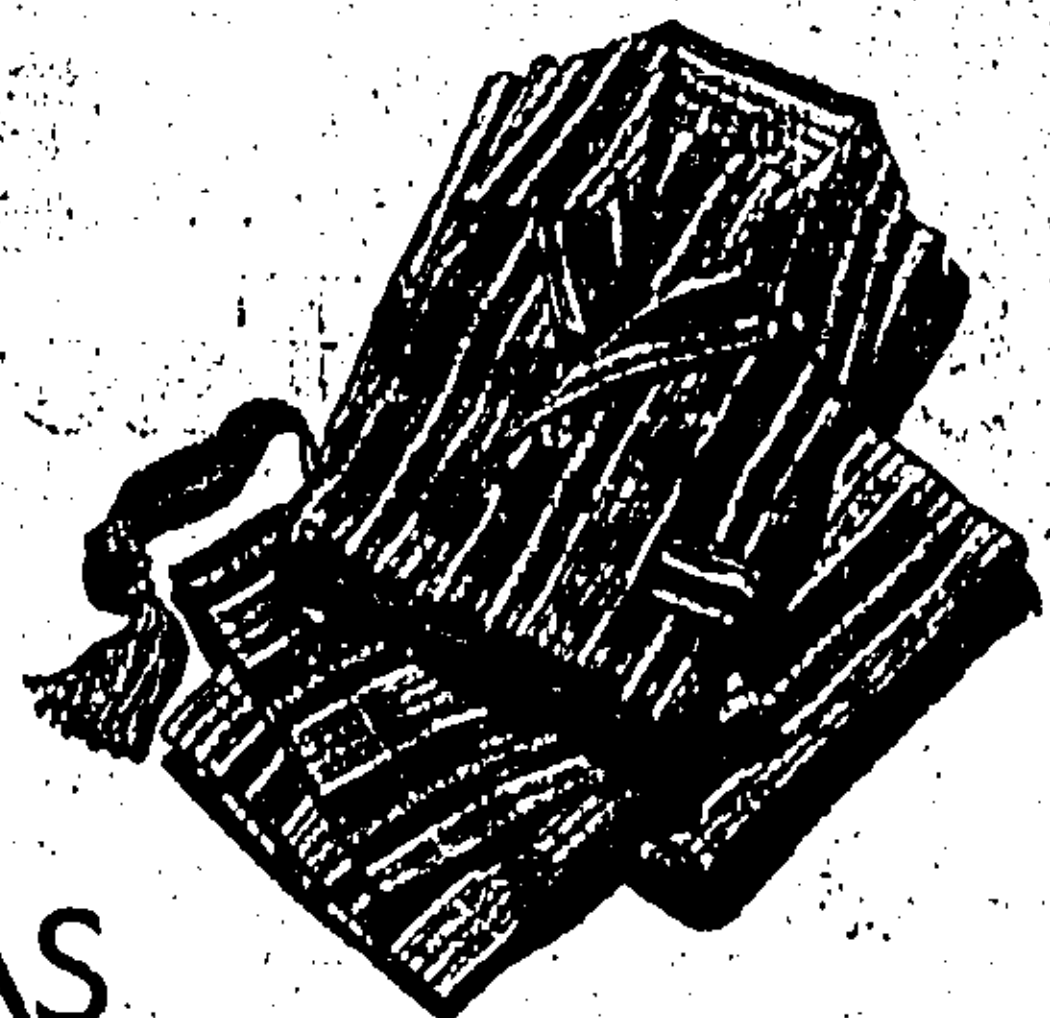
M. Laval was in conference this morning with M. Georges Bonnet who was French Foreign Minister when war was declared, but who did his utmost to obtain British approval of Mussolini's offer to try at the last minute to intervene with Hitler to save peace by a Danzig compromise. Marshal Petain and M. Laval also conferred with M. Charles Magny, former Chief of the National Secret, Police and wartime Minister to Finland and later Minister to Dublin, who is now named as Prefect of the Seine. He will be the French Government's Administrator in Paris and suburbs comprising the Seine Department.

Premature Report LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Berlin reports that M. Paul Baudouin, Foreign Minister in the Vichy Government, had resigned appear premature.

M. Laval, the Vice-Premier, when questioned by newspapermen, did not confirm the report—according to a news agency despatch from Geneva. The despatch adds that the resignation "might take place during to-day."

A Cabinet meeting was originally called for this afternoon when it was expected that the decision would be taken, but it was learned later that the Cabinet might not meet before Monday.

CHANGSHA, Oct. 28 (Central News).—Japanese military authorities have instructed the so-called peace maintenance committee at Tsinghsien, to collect a head tax of \$1 per capita and a plot of rice from each household beginning December.



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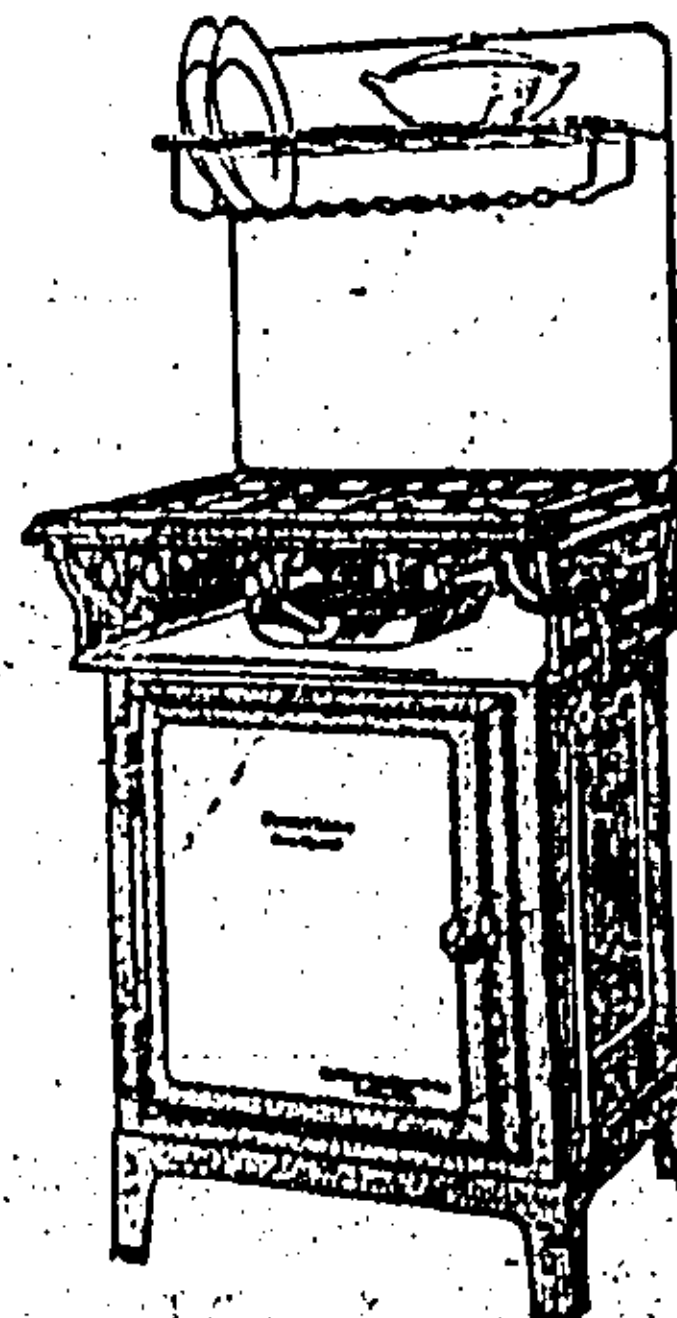
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NANCY



DANUBE MEETING

Control Over All British Ships

Sofia, Oct. 27. The Rumanian Government has gained control over all British owned and British chartered vessels in Rumanian territorial waters by a new decree issued by the Government under Nazi inspiration.

The decree declares that no charter of maritime or river vessels under foreign flags with a Rumanian port of registry may be made without the authority of the Rumanian Ministry of Marine.

All charters must be submitted by the end of October, when the Ministry will decide whether the charter can be constituted or whether the Ministry will take over the vessels.

British owned vessels affected comprise 14 grain lighters, four tugs and two oil tankers which have been held by Rumania for some months at Braila and Sulina.

The decree also affects a further 65 ships under the British flag, which have been requisitioned by the authorities for military purposes. These vessels have been used exclusively by Rumania, but it is feared that they will also come under German control.

The decree declares that any attempt by foreign vessels to withdraw vessels registered under the Rumanian flag will be regarded as sabotage and treated with severe penalties.

A further breach of international law by Rumania concerns the former French fleet on the Danube, consisting of 44 vessels including 29 grain barges, 12 tugs and four tankers.

An agreement was issued between French and British interests on June 12 for the purchase and transfer of this fleet to the British flag.

French Collapse Effect
The French collapse came before the transfer was completed and the Rumanians arbitrarily refused to allow the British flag to be hoisted on the vessels, but armed guards on them, and towed them from Braila upstream.

An official German delegation recently went to inspect these vessels, and later they were towed back to Braila by German tugs, hence there seems little doubt into whose hands they will fall.

The Rumanians contend that they have jurisdiction over British owned and chartered vessels, because they were registered in Rumanian ports. The British contend that the decree is contrary to international law, because the vessels were registered at the British consular offices, enjoying extraterritorial rights.

Greek Interests
Greek interests are also threatened, as there are 14 tugs and 24 grain lighters also under charter to Greek companies operating on the Danube. The Greeks have vigorously protested against the new decree. It is pointed out that the Germans are only using desperately needed extra tonnage when the grain in southern Europe is too depleted to make a surplus. Moreover, though many of the vessels can be converted for transport of crude oil, transport can only be effected until freezing of the Danube renders navigation impossible.—Reuter.

Germany Faces Russia

Sofia, Oct. 27. Germany's bid to control the Danube Highway lies behind the international conference to open at Bucharest to-morrow to discuss navigation rights in the upper and lower Danube. The Soviet intends, with the newly acquired Bessarabian interests in the Danube mouth, to obtain representation for the first time on the Danubian Commission.

As the other representatives from the Balkans and Italy are only pawns in the game it is Russia and Germany who are now manoeuvring for an advantage. Russia, who was left out of the earlier discussions staged by Berlin, is highly suspicious of the German moves for the establishment of naval bases in the Black Sea and the Baltic.

In the Balkans the Danube issue is regarded as one of the first signs of fundamental conflict of German and Soviet interests in South-eastern Europe.—Reuter.

WARSHIPS AT SWATOW

Chaochow, Oct. 27. It is stated in a report that a fleet of eleven Japanese warships steamed into Swatow on October 17, and were followed by six more warships and one aircraft-carrier next morning. The fleet is reported to have come from Amoy, and was en route to the Pearl River and Hainan. Twelve aircraft landed on the airfield on Noman Island from the aircraft-carrier—Wah Kiu Yat Po.



FIGHTING IN AFRICA—Battlefield scene in western desert along Libyan border, in North Africa, showing Italian equipment destroyed by British armored cars. Great campaign against Egypt by Italian forces in Libya has begun.

British Tanks Proved They Were Better Than "Panzer Divisions"

BRITISH tanks are superior to those of the Germans. They stand up to German anti-tank guns, whereas our two-pounder anti-tank gun can penetrate the armour of any German tank.

These facts are revealed in the history of a series of operations which show that when the time comes to strike Germany with land forces our tanks will be a big problem for the Germans.

The operations described in the official history occurred when part of the 50th Division of the First Tank Brigade were sent to attack south of Arras.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Lighting Restriction For The Blackout

The following notice to mariners regarding the blackout exercises to take place on the nights of October 29-30 and 30-31, has been issued by Comdr. G. F. Hole, Harbour Master.

In these exercises, the blackout will automatically commence at sunset (1745 hours) on October 29, 1940, and remain in force until sunrise (0620 hours) on the morning of October 31, 1940, when normal lighting and sea traffic will be resumed.

External light of every description on board vessels is prohibited, and all internal lights must either be extinguished or obscured so that no light is visible either from above or from any other direction.

Note:—Torches may be used to meet any special circumstance, but they must be screened with two thicknesses of ordinary blue close-woven cloth or paint.

The following lights in the Hongkong area will be extinguished during the period of the blackout: Waglan Island, Tathong Point, Cape Collinson, South Lyemun, North Lyemun, Channel Rocks, Cust Rock, North Fairway Buoy, Central Fairway Buoy, South Fairway Buoy, Green Island, Cheung Chau Island Passage.

Normal lighting will be resumed on the night of October 31-November 1, 1940.

Port To Be Closed

The Port will be closed to all inward and outward shipping at sunset on October 29 to sunrise on October 30, and from sunset on October 30 to sunrise on the October 31, during which periods no movements of vessels, etc. will be permitted inside the Port.

Notes:—(1) A restricted ferry service will be maintained by the Star Ferry between Hongkong and Kowloon subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 (1) which includes navigation lights, and in this connection the prescribed pier lights at Hongkong and Kowloon will be permitted provided that such lights cannot be seen from above and do not throw any light on to the water. (2) Should the "Air Raid Warning" signal be given while the ferry is under way, she must proceed to the nearest safe anchorage or pier until such time as the "Raiders Passed" signal has been sounded.

As the tanks advanced they shot up German transport and killed many men. A battalion of the Durham Light Infantry followed the advance, mopped up the area round Dainville and took many prisoners.

At this time the battalion commander, who was commanding from a light tank, was killed when it received a direct hit from a field gun. This was the left column of a two-point thrust. The right, also consisting of tanks, followed by a D.L.I. battalion, proceeded through Dulsans, where they shot up enemy infantry and transport.

Forces Too Small
Heavy casualties had been inflicted on the enemy with only small losses on our side. A withdrawal was suggested as the positions were very exposed.

Had we had more troops immediately available to support the small forces which had penetrated so deeply, it would have been another matter.

South of Arras, to support a French counter-attack from the south, the 50th Division was ordered to hold a "tank-proof" locality at Beauraines and another at Dulsans.

The enemy launched heavy dive-bombing attacks on Beauraines, where the infantry battalions were forming a tank-proof locality, and also on the main body of the right column, near Warlus.

These attacks were delivered by over a hundred planes and lasted for twenty minutes. This was easily the most intensive air bombardment which our troops had yet encountered, and the troops were already much exhausted.

Forced to Withdraw

The infantry were forced to extricate themselves from Beauraines and were then attacked by considerable numbers of tanks in the open. The tank battalion, though greatly outnumbered, helped to stem the tide, but the column was forced to withdraw to Achicourt.

On the right flank, air bombardment was followed by heavy tank attacks. Anti-tank guns were quickly in action and were highly successful.

Conclusions reached from the British attack were that our infantry tanks showed a definite superiority over the enemy tanks. Their armour resisted direct hits from the enemy anti-tank guns easily and the burst of shells had no effect on the crews.

Our two-pounder anti-tank gun penetrated all types of enemy tank and the tracer often set the tanks on fire.

If a larger number of tanks had been available supported by stronger mobile columns, a great success might have been achieved.

Czech Anniversary

Independence Day Recalled

To-day, October 28, is the National Independence day of the Czechoslovak Republic, and is celebrated by all Czechoslovaks regardless of whether they are living in free countries or in territories under German "protection".

The following brief description of events in 1939 is condensed from the original document known as the Czechoslovak Blue Book, published in Paris last April.

On October 28, 1939, the anniversary of National Independence, there were manifestations in all towns in the Protectorate, especially in Prague. University students played a very active part in the processions formed, in spite of Von Neurath's prohibition. People were killed and wounded, and nearly 4,000 persons were arrested by the German Police, and some hundred were transported to the Pechek Palace in the basement of which are the Gestapo chambers of torture. Few of those came out uninjured. Fifteen days after these events, the family of Jean Opletal, a medical student, was merely informed that the young man had died. As a matter of fact he succumbed to the wounds and blows received at the hands of the Gestapo.

On November 15, 1939, the obsequies of Jean Opletal were held at the Institute of Pathology. The Chief of the Prague Police had at first forbidden any kind of ceremony, but the students desirous of paying last respects to their comrade went to the Protectorate Authorities to obtain permission. The funeral itself went forward with dignity and without a disturbing incident. Students had naturally assembled in very large numbers. At the close of the ceremony, when they were preparing to depart, they were deliberately provoked into unrest, which spread all over the city. The Nazis retaliated with much brutality, and a number of executions were carried out in the course of the next few days.

The Germans were obliged to admit officially that there had been twelve executions. However it was proved with absolute certainty that in Ruzyn, 34 students had been killed, and the next day a further 27 shared the same fate. As far as can be ascertained to date, the number of students and young intellectuals executed is 150, and the number imprisoned 4,000. The total number of dead is infinitely larger, and certainly exceeds a thousand. For the three weeks from October 28 to November 20, it is estimated that there are at least 70,000 Czechs in prison or in German concentration camps.

Nevertheless Czechs and Slovaks are determined to continue to fight for the liberation of their country, German atrocities being unable to stop the great struggle for independence undertaken in Czechoslovakia and outside wherever Czechoslovaks live.

Puppet Troops Turn Against Japanese

CHUNGKING, Oct. 28 (Central News).—Large units of Japanese-organised Chinese troops stationed between Nanking and Changchow on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway have mutinied in the past week, according to a Shanghai message quoting a foreigner who has just arrived in Shanghai from Nanking.

The foreigner saw a wrecked locomotive and several wagons lying beside the railway track as a result of a derailment caused by the mutineers.

Cairo Communique

CAIRO, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—"There were severe dust storms in the western desert throughout Saturday," reports a C.I.C. communique. "In the Sudan and Kenya, British fighting patrols were again active. From Palestine there is nothing to report."

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ITALY MOVING NEARER CONFLICT WITH GREECE

Titanic Air Battles Over South England

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able to engage them before they could reach London, although combat on two occasions were so near London that suburban residents were able to watch the spectacular manoeuvres.

During the second of five daylight alarms to-day in the London area, hundreds of people watched the R.A.F. and German planes wheeling in combat over the suburbs. One raider crashed near a group of houses on the fringe of London. The pilot jettisoned his bombs in an open space to aid his chances of escape when one of his wings broke off and he bailed out by parachute before his craft crashed.

Late to-day several enemy planes were seen in the western sky with British planes diving to the attack. The raiders broke formation and scattered for cover in the broken clouds.

Few Raiders Get By
LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Raids have been made at intervals to-day by formations of enemy fighters and bombers crossing the coast of Kent and flying towards London, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

The raiders were engaged by our fighters and anti-aircraft defences and few of them succeeded in reaching London.

Some bombs were dropped in the London area and also in a number of places in southern England. Houses and other buildings were damaged at a few places but reports indicated that the number of casualties was small though it is stated that several persons were killed.

Hampshire Visited
An attack was also made on Hampshire in the late afternoon and a few bombs were dropped in one district.

Reports so far received show that several houses were destroyed and a number of people were injured. It is confirmed that one more enemy aircraft was destroyed yesterday.

Siege Slackens
BY "REUTERS" AIR CORRESPONDENT
LONDON, Oct. 27.—The aerial "siege" of London which entered the eighth week to-day, was noticeably slackened in severity.

The regularity of raids is far from an accurate guide to the intensity of Germany's effort. It is recognised that the present pause may only be temporary and that Germany may be preparing a fresh onslaught with redoubled energy, but unless this is the outcome of the Hitler-Petain agreement, evidence of the past week justifies the belief held by qualified observers that the Luftwaffe's energy will be dissipated over a wider field.

Night Raiding
This has not been the case by day for hitherto Goering has had to rely, since his smashing defeat on September 15, on the use of bomb-carrying fighters, whose effective range is strictly limited, but at night the Luftwaffe is now winging its way over more of England and Wales, and even to some parts of Scotland, seeking new targets.

Midland towns in particular have become "little Londons".

The great sprawling capital still attracts the majority of the night bombing fleet as with the day raiders, primarily because it is so conveniently close to the European bases, but this does not alter the fact that night raids are becoming more widespread.

Worsening of the weather and thickening of the night defences when the weather is fine detracts from the wisdom of making London the sole or even the main target.

Defiant Aircraft
Defiant aircraft which, it is announced, will revert to the role of night fighter, is yet another type to hurry the Nazi planes after dark. The Blenheim has been used for some time and there is evidence that a new American type is suitable for night use.

In raiding over an ever-widening field, especially at night time, the enemy is following closely the R.A.F. plan of campaign which seeks to cripple Germany's war effort with attacks of growing intensity over the widest possible area.

Losses of aircraft and men on either side are fast losing their past significance and unless the present course of the air war is dramatically changed here or in another theatre of war, the key to air mastery may well resolve itself into a question of how quickly the R.A.F., with the help of American supplies, can match Germany's strength in bomber planes as Britain is now rapidly overhauling the enemy's total fighter aircraft strength.

Three Dictators And "Puppet" To Parley

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was cut off. He was also in the middle of describing events leading up to Mussolini's departure from Rome when the censors again cut in.

However, they permitted Packard to state that Count Ciano and Signor Mutt are to accompany Il Duce. But when he attempted a second time to name the meeting place, his phone call was cut off.

Nevertheless he was uninterrupted when he related that Mussolini and Hitler are reported to be meeting again, possibly with Laval, and General Franco.

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"peace missions" to the Albanian frontier. An official communiqué said Greek and Italian officers met at 4 p.m. but no immediate settlement of the dispute was achieved. Greek officers have asked for another conference. This request was made because the Italians were represented only by a Second Lieutenant. Instead of the Italian commander of the border troops where the clash occurred.

A Greek Mission headed by a high military official left Athens after an official Government communiqué had flatly denied the alleged fighting attacks and implied that the fighting occurred between Italian forces and rebellious Albanians.

Critical Situation
(The Italian radio describes the situation as still critical and that the Greek air force is in a "high state of alarm").

The Athens Government is working against time seeking a peaceful settlement as reports reach here of heavy concentrations of Italian troops on the border and impending "Fascist reprisal" action.

General Metaxas this morning received an urgent call by telephone from Rome and for seven hours afterwards telephone communications between Rome and Athens were disrupted or "out of order."

An official communiqué will be issued after a long session of the Government ministers beginning at midnight.

Leaflets Dropped
ROME, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—Leaflets containing exhortations in the Albanian language inciting the people to revolt have been dropped in districts of southern Albania to-day by an unidentified aeroplane states a despatch from Tirana to the Stefani agency.

Turkish Delegation
LONDON, Oct. 27 (Reuter).—A Turkish military delegation left for Greece to-day, according to the Moscow radio.

Nazi Aeroplanes Chased Across City

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striking across the town machine gunning and a British fighter in not pursuit.

Defence planes intercepted a strong force of German planes over an East Anglian town precipitating a big scale dogfight above the clouds. One raider was apparently hit and jettisoned seven bombs in the open country.

Three twin-engined German planes swooped so low over the town that they had to swerve to avoid the flag-staff on a church spire.

Light London Raid
Last night's raid was unaccountably light up to midnight, considering the weather conditions. Bombings were reported from a couple of dozen very scattered districts in some counties and the London area but between 10 p.m. and midnight everything was very quiet with only occasional gunfire being heard and no fire to be seen.

A policeman was killed and several people were injured when time bombs exploded in a town in the east of England following a raid earlier in the evening when "buses were strafed by a low-flying raider. The raider also attacked houses, the occupants of which included an 80-year old woman who had two remarkable escapes as machine gun bullets splattered around.

At another town in the east of England a train was strafed but no casualties were reported.

BERLIN BLASTED:

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